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THE WHISKY RING.

The Trial of McDonald for Conspiracy.

Testimony of a Newspaper Man and Ex-Revenue Officials—The Other Side of the "Crooked" Story.

ST. LOUIS, November 20.—The interest in the trial of Gen. McDonald was as great to-day as on any previous one, and the Court room was crowded.

A Newspaper Man on the Stand.

The first witness was Wm. McKee, of the *Globe-Democrat*, who testified as follows: I am sixty years old. I have seen B. H. Engelke, but don't know him, that is to say have never been frequently with him. I have never had any conversation with Engelke relative to the whisky ring. I know Jos. Fitzroy, and did know J. A. Joyce. I never received any money from Col. Joyce for any illegitimate purpose upon any occasion. I never was paid any money in the presence of Fitzroy by Joyce. If Fitzroy stated that Joyce paid me four hundred and eighty dollars in his presence, and that called attention to the fact that Fitzroy was present, and that Joyce said that was all right, and that I told Fitzroy that this is a sacred thing, he stated what was not true. I never had any such interview with Joyce, Fitzroy or McDonald. I never had any understanding or arrangement with Megrue, Leavenworth or Joyce, or anybody else, with reference to matters pertaining to the whisky ring.

On cross-examination the witness said: Megrew was introduced to me in 1870 by George W. Fishback, who was my partner in the *Democrat*. I never visited him upstairs of the Billings Bank. I never was up-stairs there. Joyce visited me at my office occasionally. Neither Joyce nor Leavenworth ever paid me any money for campaign purposes or any other. I was not on any campaign committee. I never had any personal knowledge of the whisky ring, and know nothing other than rumor and what was published in our paper about it. I had no conversation with Fitzroy about the time of the May session of the Grand Jury relative to what he was to testify, nor had I a conversation with any other party on that subject. As a head of a paper which represented the dominant party I was, of course,

Frequently Importuned to Interfere

in behalf of parties who got into trouble with the Government officials. About nine months ago, I think, Engelke called on me at my office, and wanted me to go to McGuire and use my influence with him to get some whisky released which had been seized, I think in Colorado. That is the only time I ever talked with him. Didn't know him at that time, but was told who he was. I went to McGuire for him, but accomplished nothing; never talked with any one about the Bushy distillery. Called on McGuire once last May at the Lindell Hotel, and had a general conversation with him. The interview was not arranged by Fitzroy; met him as I came out of the hotel, but told him nothing of the substance of my interview with McGuire. I never said anything to McGuire about his appearance before the Grand Jury. I may have seen Fitzroy since his appearance before the Grand Jury, but never had any conversation with him in regard to it. On my return from the East this fall I visited Fitzroy's house one evening, the invitation of McGuire. I was on McGuire's bond. I having heard that Fitzroy was intending to plead guilty, I went to McGuire and told him that if he had been doing anything wrong he had better see Fitzroy, as I might get into trouble; so at McGuire's invitation I went with him to Fitzroy's house; the interview was very brief with Fitzroy. I didn't know what to do, and McGuire wanted to know whether or not he was going to plead guilty. I did not advise him. I had an interview with McGuire just before he went away in 1873, but it had nothing to do with the ring. I never had any conversation with McDonald about the whisky ring, that is not anything different from what everybody else might have had in regard to the rumors. I never talked with Joyce on the subject at all. I only knew Joyce as a politician and an active worker for the party. I am on good terms, I believe, with Fitzroy and McGuire; in fact I have had difficulty with very few men in this world. I am under indictment in this court.

Testimony of an Ex-Revenue Collector.

Constantine McGuire was the next witness, and testified: I am fifty years old and have lived in St. Louis thirty-six years. I held the position of United States Collector of Internal Revenue from November 15, 1873, to June, 1874. Neither during my term of office nor at any time did I have any connection with what is known as the "whisky ring." I never received any money from that source. I never had any understanding whatever with Joice, McDonald, Fitzroy or any body else with regard to this subject.

Cross-examination—Fitzroy was deputy in my office when I took it, and I reappointed all my deputies. Fitzroy was indicted before I left the office. I did not remove him after he was indicted. I don't know what the indictment was for. Both of us had already tendered our resignation, to take effect June 30. I received a communication from Washington relative to the destruction of records in my office previous to my taking possession. I referred to Cancannon, who was in charge of the office during the interregnum between the death of Ford and my appointment. He wrote a letter to Washington about it, and accounted for it in the usual way. He never gave me an explanation of the manner of the destruction. I am under indictment here.

Re-direct—Revenue Agents Brooks and Hoag examined Cancannon thoroughly in my presence in reference to the destruction of the records. The records never were in my hands at all, having been destroyed before I took the office. As a result of the investigation Brooks and Hoag were about to recommend Cancannon's dismission, when he resigned.

An Ex-U. S. Marshal's Testimony.

Ex-U. S. Marshal C. A. Newcomb was the next witness. He testified: I was appointed U. S. Marshal on March 18, 1869, and continued in office until the day before yesterday. I know Joyce, Fitzroy, Alfred Bevis, Teascher, and Jouvett. I do not believe I know Ulrich. I never had an understanding with these men or any body else relative to the whisky ring. I never used any money from any body as coming from the whisky ring, not one cent, nor any other thing of value.

During his cross-examination Mr. Newcomb said when he came into office General Noble, then District Attorney, was battling with what was called a whisky ring, but from the time these cases were disposed of he heard little of the ring until 1875, when in September of that year a man named Baunsen, who had been employed at Bevis & Fraser's distillery, reported to him that crooked whisky had been made there, and he would give evidence to that effect. When he left Bevis & Fraser's employ he had given them a sworn statement that no illicit distilling had been done by them in consideration of five thousand dollars to be paid him. They failed to carry out their agreement, and he wished to expose their frauds. This was repeated to Attorney General Williams, and it was agreed that the witness and District Attorney Patrick should select a man to ferret out the frauds, he to be appointed by Commissioner Douglas. A man was selected, and Attorney General Williams telegraphed to that effect, and although the telegram was delivered, no reply was ever received. I often talked over these matters of frauds with Joyce, and once or twice with McDonald. Joyce always dismissed the subject with the statement that the stories were gotten up by officers whom they had discharged to injure himself and McDonald. Among these persons he mentioned Megrew and Hardaway. Both Joyce and McDonald assured me that these matters had been investigated, and that there was nothing in them. Whenever parties came to inform us of fraud they always told us that Joyce and McDonald were in the ring, and should not be notified of any contemplated action. On account of these rumors I had my suspicions of these two officials.

Re-direct examination—I never knew of McDonald placing any obstacle in the way of any investigation by me. He had always said that the matter had been fully investigated, and that he did not care how much it was looked into.

Testimony of an Ex-U. S. Attorney.

Wm. Patrick testified as follows—I acted as United States Attorney from November 18, 1872, to May 18, 1875. I acted as Assistant District Attorney from 1869 until the time of my appointment. I never had any conversation or understanding with McDonald or any body else which connected me with the whisky ring, and I never received money from any such sources.

In the cross-examination Mr. Patrick gave a full history of the prosecutions of the ring or any of its members so far as they came within his knowledge up to the time of his removal, covering the case referred to by the preceding witness, and giving details of several efforts he had made by himself and in connection with Collector Ford to ferret out the fraud.

A Newspaper Correspondent on the Stand.

General H. C. Boynton was then called, and testified: I am and have been Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette* since January, 1866. During this time I have been located almost continuously in Washington. I knew Con. Megrue in Washington, and know parties there with whom he is acquainted. His general reputation for truth and veracity is not good among those of his acquaintances whom I know. In a matter in which Megrue is personally interested I would not believe him under oath.

In the cross-examination witness said: I never heard any statement in regard to his swearing falsely; never heard of his being put upon oath until the present case. I have heard his reputation for truth and veracity discussed. When I speak of his reputation for truth I don't speak from any knowledge of this swearing. I never knew of his being sworn.

Here the defence closed, and after Judge Treat had cautioned the jury of the necessity for the utmost circumspection in guarding against all outside influence, that they might come into Court with unbiased minds to hear the suggestion of counsel, the Court adjourned to Monday morning, when the counsel will sum up the case.

Additional Indictments.

Amended indictments were presented to the United States District Court against Wm. McKee and Con. McGuire, and one against them jointly. Three other indictments were presented against Revenue Agents Brasher, Brookes and Hogue. The indictments against McKee and McGuire are for conspiracy to defraud the Government. Both gentlemen entered into a personal recognizance to appear on Monday, and gave bonds.

Cleveland's "Crooked Whisky" Case.

CLEAVELAND, November 20.—In the United States Court the case of the United States vs. Diemer, the jury failed to agree. Diemer with others was indicted on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States out of tax on 50,000 gallons of spirits. The case was conducted by able counsel on both sides for the past ten days, and has elicited considerable interest.

The Whisky Ring in Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, November 20.—S. J. Conklin, ex-special agent, was arrested here to-day charged with receiving money from a distiller in April last.

The Circuit Court, after hearing several witnesses in the case against Keewort & Wirth, adjourned till Monday.

NEW YORK.

The Billiard Tournament.

FAILURE OF A COAL MERCHANT

NEW YORK, November 20, 1875.

Meeting in the Brooklyn Tabernacle.

A crowd gathered at the Brooklyn Tabernacle this morning, expecting to assist at the last matin service of Moody and Sankey, but the revivalists did not appear. They were preparing for Philadelphia. Needham, the Irish evangelist, concluded the service, and Deacon Hawley read the prayers.

The Billard Tournament.

Slosson, 300; Rudolphe, 240; winner's average 7 13-31. The referee declared that no bets should be paid only under protest, it being claimed that Rudolphe threw the game.

Garnier, 300; Sexton, 126. At the end of the ninth inning the score stood 126 to 181 in favor of Garnier, leaving him 119 to go. He commenced a beautiful run and scored 100, his ninty-seventh shot being a magnificent masse, which called forth long and prolonged applause. He continued playing, and when he had scored 119 the marker called game. Garnier took no notice of it, and continued playing, scoring 129. The people attracted his attention, and looking up in a dazed manner Garnier asked if he was out. He was told he was. He shook hands with Sexton, and soon fainted away. He was carried from the hall and recovered, and in a short time was back in the hall receiving the congratulations of friends. Garnier closed the game in the tenth inning. Sexton scored 126. Winner's average, 30; loser's average, 12 9-13; time, 1 hour.

Nineteenth game: Cyrille Dion, 300; Daly, 198; winner's average, 11 1-9.

Absconding Swindlers.

Charles B. Orvis and Dexter A. Reed, dealers in hard woods, occupying rooms in the same building, 52 Centre street, have absconded, leaving debts behind them aggregating from $75,000 to $100,000. Orvis is an old swindler. Reed came hither from one of the most respectable Boston houses in the trade. He was esteemed honest and upright, and enjoyed first-class credit. He endorsed notes made by Orvis, and the latter sold them. Orvis has operated in Chicago.

Dock Destroyed.

The ship Thomas Way, which was being repaired on the Merchants' dry dock, broke through the dock last evening, making of it a complete wreck. The dock cost in the early days of the war $1,200,000.

Failure of a Coal Merchant.

The assignment of Claudius B. Conant, a coal merchant, to Mr. Marton, was filed to-day. The liabilities are $110,526, and the assets $79,049.

TEXAS PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Proceedings of the Convention at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, November 20.—The Southern Pacific Railroad Convention re-assembled at ten o'clock this morning, and the consideration of the report of the Committee on Resolutions was resumed. A resolution to add the name of St. Louis to the list caused a lengthy discussion, which was finally brought to a close by the adoption of a resolution offered by Hon. Gustavus Henry, setting forth that the omission of St. Louis was not done in a spirit of opposition or hostility to the city, which was adopted. The report of the committee was then adopted and the usual vote of thanks returned, and Governor Magoffin briefly returned thanks for the honor shown him in selecting him as Chairman, and said he would announce in the morning papers the executive committee provided for in the resolutions to carry out the objects of the Convention.

On motion of ex-Judge McClure, of Arkansas, the Convention at noon adjourned *sine die*. Its deliberations throughout were characterized by harmony and good will, and its friends are sanguine of good results.

A Philadelphia Bridge Burned.

PHILADELPHIA, November 20.—The Market street bridge was burned this evening. The destruction of the bridge will cause great inconvenience to passengers, the Adams Express Company and large manufacturing establishments on both sides of the river. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company propose to erect a temporary bridge if, in the event of the failure of the City Councils to erect a new structure. The wires of the Western Union Telegraph Company, railroad company wires and city wires were broken and communication interrupted. The Mayor has called a special meeting of Councils on Monday to take such action as may be required in the premises. To-morrow the railroad officials hold a conference with the Mayor. The bridge was originally erected in 1805, and in 1850 was altered to make a connection between the city railroad and Pennsylvania Railroad. The piers of the structure are still in good condition. The bridge was insured by the city for $75,000, $10,000 of which is in the Royal. Several firemen were injured during the progress of the fire.

Cowhiding in Richmond.

RICHMOND, November 20.—Just previous to the departure of the 9:20 northern bound train an exciting scene occurred between Gen. Bradly T. Johnson and Col. John D. Imboden. The latter, going off the train, was approached by General Johnson, who, saying to Imboden that he had been looking for him all day, administered sundry blows with a cowhide. Imboden made at Johnson, when the latter drew a pistol, but before he could use it both were separated and arrested. The cause of the assault is attributed to evidence given by Imboden in the contested election case between Johnson and Knight for seats in the State Senate.

Yellow Fever.

GALVESTON, November 20.—The British brig Mystic Tie, Capt. Perue, from Cienfugos, Cuba, November 10th, arrived off the bar yesterday in ballast. The Captain reports to the health officer that his entire crew, including himself, nine in all, have had yellow fever. Three died in Cuba, one died this morning, two are still sick, but convalescing, and three, including the Captain, have recovered and are on duty.

Contested Seats.

The following is a list of the contested seats in the House of Representatives, with the names of the contestants, (Republicans in Roman and Demoorats in Italics):

State.	*Sent.*	*Contested by*
Alabama	Haralson	*Fred. G. Bromberg.*
Alabama	*Williams*	James T. Rapier.
Alabama	Hays	*James T. Jones.*
Florida	Purman	*John J. Henderson.*
Florida	Walls	*Jesse J. Finley.*
Georgia	*Hartridge*	John E. Bryan.
Georgia	*Smith*	Richard H. Whiteley.
Illinois	Farwell	*John V. Le Moyne.*
Illinois	Whiting	*Leonard E. Ross.*
Indiana	Hunter	*Harrison J. Rice.*
Indiana	Baker	*Freeman Kelley.*
Kentucky	White	*Harrison Cockrell.*
Louisiana	Morey	*William B. Spencer.*
Maryland	*Walsh*	*Lloyd Lowndes.*
Massachusetts	Frost	*Josiah G. Abbott.*
Minnesota	Strait	*K. St. Julien Cox.*
Pennsylvania	Freeman	*Thomas B. Florence.*
Pennsylvania	*Egbert*	Carlton B. Curtis.
South Carolina	Hoge	*Benj. J. McGowan.*
South Carolina	Wallace	*Joseph B. Kershaw.*
Virginia	*Goode*	James R. Platt, Jr.
New Mexico	Elkins	*Pedro Valdez.*

Several of the Mississippi seats, the credentials of which have been awarded to Democrats, will also be contested by Republicans.

SECOND EDITION

LATEST FOREIGN ADVICES.

Marine Disasters on the British Coast.

Great Loss of Life.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Marine Disasters.

LONDON, November 20.—It is believed that thirteen vessels foundered in the Downs during the storm last night, and from forty to fifty lives were lost. From 500 to 600 vessels of all sorts are now anchored in the Downs, waiting for fair weather. The coast between Yarmouth and Lowestoft is strewn with wrecks. Three vessels are ashore on Goodwin Sands.

Business Failure.

Sloane Richards, metal broker, at Birmingham, has failed. His liabilities are estimated at about half a million dollars.

SPAIN.

The Cuban Question.

MADRID, November 20.—The Government has determined that all of the foreigners tried in Cuba for participating in the insurrection will be allowed to have counsel.

The *El Cronista* says the last dispatch from Washington was discussed at the Cabinet council yesterday. Meanwhile the present satisfactory situation promises a favorable and early settlement of all pending questions affecting the relations with the United States.

INDIA.

The Conspiracy in Rangoon.

LONDON, November 20.—A special telegram from Calcutta in regard to the reported conspiracy in Rangoon says the alarm originated with a band of the dakoits, or robbers, who attempted to seize the arsenal. The affair is not believed to have any political significance.

CUBA.

Gone to the Field of Operations.

HAVANA, November 20.—Captain General Valmaseda went to the field of operations this morning, accompanied by Brigadier and Colonel Borbon, relatives of King Alfonso.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, November 20, 1875.

Educational Statistics.

Hon. John Eaton, Commissioner of Education, has completed his annual report for 1875. It contains the usual abstracts of reports of the several State and city superintendents and other educational publications, together with tables of statistics coming from replies to inquiries addressed to State and city educational officers and institutions throughout the country. The Commissioner says the benefits of a common nomenclature adopted, as results of its work in reporting educational statistics, are becoming apparent.

THE BORDER WAR.

Forty Men of the Eighth Cavalry Cross Into Mexico.

GALVESTON, November 20.—The following was received from San Antonio to-day: The following telegram was received at headquarters this morning:

Major Alexander arrived at Los Cuevas. He reports that forty men of the Eighth Cavalry crossed this morning before his arrival by Randlett's order, Major Clendenin having left for Ringgold to support McNally, who was driven by the Mexicans to the river. This was done in violation of orders given by me yesterday morning. I have directed Major Alexander to return the troops to the north bank. [Signed] POTTER, Commanding.

It is, by no means, impossible that the Mexicans may use the offensive. Los Cuevas is a notorious den of Cortina and his followers. Not less than one thousand could be assembled there on short notice.

THE WEATHER.

Probabilities for To-day.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
UNITED STATES SIGNAL SERVICE,
WASHINGTON, Nov. 22, 1875—1 A. M.

In the Ohio, Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri valleys and upper lake region, high, followed by falling barometer, east to south winds, stationary to rising temperature, partly cloudy weather, and from the Missouri Valley to Lake Superior possibly occasional snow.

The Walking Match at Chicago.

CHICAGO, November 20.—At 11:20 to-night O'Leary and Weston withdrew from the track at the Exposition, the former having made 503 miles, and the latter 451. O'Leary made his last mile in thirteen minutes and ten seconds. Weston's last mile was made in sixteen minutes and ten seconds. O'Leary has walked to-day seventy-eight miles, and Weston sixty-one miles.

Fatal Gunpowder Explosion.

POTTSVILLE, PA., November 20.—At Locustdale, while miners were getting a box of powder, a spark dropped, igniting the powder, which exploded, killing Alfred J. Steeley, John Durken and Mordecia Jones.

Marine News.

NEW YORK, November 20.—Arrived—The steamers Caledonia, from Glasgow, and Columbia, from Bordeaux, via Halifax.

OHIO RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

The Proposed Plans Discussed—Resolutions Adopted.

The Committee of Judges on the models of the various plans proposed for the improvement of the Ohio river held a meeting on Friday, at which were a number of prominent citizens.

Mr. Kirk, from the Committee, read their report, making the award to Mr. Brunot's plan, which they believed would be most effective in American waters, notwithstanding the adoption of the French plan by the Government engineers.

There was some discussion on the report, when, on motion of Mr. Brunot, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the reports of General Humphries, Chief of United States Engineers, and of Major Wm. McAlpine, Engineer in charge of the Ohio River Improvement, indicate a proper understanding and appreciation of the requirements of the commerce of the river, its capacity for thorough and radical improvement, the necessity for and of adopting such plans for the improvement as will be in no manner detrimental to the leading traffic of the river, the transportation of coal.

Resolved, In the language of Major Merrill's report, "It may be considered as settled that the adoption of the system of locks and dams on the Ohio river is dependent upon the practicability of making an opening in each dam of sufficient width to pass a coal flat without any delay, and of constructing a movable hydraulic gate to open or close this opening at will."

Resolved, That an examination of the models of moveable dams and devices of opening and closing chutes in river navigation exhibited at the Pittsburgh Exposition, shows that such structures are practicable on any scale which may be deemed adequate to the requirements of the improved navigation of the Ohio river.

Mr. Kirk added the following:

Resolved, That we urge the United States Government to grant the appropriation asked for by Gen. Humphries, and also to make suitable appropriation for the experiments suggested by Gen. Humphries in his report as to the best movable dam.

Considerable discussion followed. Capt. Wood did not approve the Government plan. Mr. Thurston thought it not best to dictate to the Government.

PROMPT ACTION ASKED.

The following, submitted by Mr. Thurston, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The improvement of the navigation of the Ohio river is one of the utmost importance to the yearly increasing commerce of the West, and

WHEREAS, That the Engineers of the United States have adopted and recommended a plan for that improvement, and

WHEREAS, The Government of the United States in approval of that recommendation of the United States Engineer at the last session of Congress, and by an appropriation to begin the construction of an adjustable dam, as adopted by the Engineers and the Board of Commissioners for the improvement of the Ohio, recognized the importance of the national work; therefore

Resolved, That speed in the construction of these improvements is of the first importance from the rapidly increasing wants of the country for cheap transportation; and, therefore

Resolved, That we urgently request of Congress sufficient appropriations at the coming session, to fully finish the construction of the first dam, so that the primary step to the whole work may be, without delay, fully taken, and hereby instruct our Congressmen to use their best efforts to this end.

On Mr. Kirk's motion, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to keep the subject before the people: Messrs. Columbus Coleman, Jonathan Gallagher, John F. Bravo, James Reese, Wm. N. McCalf, W. P. Shinn, J. N. Schoonmaker, Thomas P. Hershberger and Robert Monroe.

Mr. Brunot moved that Mr. Kirk be added to the committee, and Gen. Moorhead proposed Mr. Lysle, so these gentlemen were also appointed. Adjourned.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Condensed Telegrams from All Quarters.

—Mayor Wickham, of New York, has appointed delegates to the National Railroad Convention at St. Louis.

—Three United States army officers have visited Shanghai to inspect the Chinese military and naval armament.

—The rectifying establishment of Boesche & Co., in St. Louis, was seized on Saturday for violation of the revenue law.

—The vault in the Catholic cemetery of St. Denis, Montreal, has been broken into and several corpses carried away.

—Navigation is about closed at Montreal. Steamers that left for Quebec on Thursday were obliged to return, and have gone into winter quarters.

—The Postmaster General has received a telegram from Brownsville, Texas, reporting another mail robbery on the Corpus Christi line, supposed by border Mexicans.

—Reports from the West show a very heavy fall of snow, and a severe storm extending from Laramie City on the east to beyond Corinne and Elko on the west, during the past week.

—The brig Williamantic left Humboldt Bay October 29th for San Francisco. A portion of the hull came ashore at Gold Bluff. It is supposed it foundered in the recent gales. Nothing has been heard of the crew.

—Tom Allen denies he has put up a forfeit for a fight between himself and Jim Mace. He says Mace is in England, but should he return and challenge him (Allen) to fight, it might be accepted. But as the matter stands now it is a fraud.

—Judge Parker, of the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, who is now holding Court at Fort Smith, holds that a white man who marries an Indian woman and lives in the territory does not become a citizen of the nation, but his allegiance is still due the United States. The Boudinot party supports and the Ross party opposes this view of the law.

STILL INVESTIGATING.

The Result of Saturday Evening's Examination Into the Affairs of the Allegheny City Engineer's Office.

The second meeting of the special committee of Allegheny Councils appointed to investigate the charges preferred by Mr. Wachob against City Engineer Davis, was held on Saturday evening in the City Clerk's office. After the meeting had been called to order a letter was submitted from Mr. Gilleland in which he stated that he would not be able to be present at that meeting, but that so far as he was concerned in the matter under examination he knew nothing either for or against Mr. Davis. The letter was read, but as it had not been sworn to it was ruled out. Mr. Gilleland will likely be present at the meeting of the committee this evening.

The examination of witnesses was then commenced.

Mr. Arthur Hobson being sworn, testified that he was one of the three viewers on the opening of Beaver avenue. Upon the plan of that avenue was marked a plot of ground belonging to Bakewell & Campbell, which was laid out in streets and alleys. On one of these streets intersected by Beaver avenue, and at the point of intersection was a mansion. Witness objected to any damages being allowed by the viewers for the removal of that house, for the reason that it stood, as he supposed, on public ground. Mr. Gilleland was present at the time and said that the City Engineer had been employed to lay that plot out for Bakewell & Campbell, and that he had paid him for doing it a sum of money. Witness was under the impression that Mr. Gilleland had said that he paid Mr. Davis fifty dollars, but was not positive as to the amount. Mr. Hobson further stated that a second plan for the opening of Beaver avenue had been prepared, and upon it the intersecting street referred to did not appear; he thought the survey of the Bakewell property was made while Mr. Davis was in Europe. Mr. Gilleland did not say who had made the surveys, but the impression upon the mind of the speaker was that some one had told him that this surveying had been done after office hours. He did not think there was any necessity for surveying the Bakewell property for the opening of Beaver avenue. The witness was next examined relative to the difficulty between Mr. Davis and Mr. Wachob in regard to the lines on Carson street, commanding a view of Pittsburgh, crowned with its cloud of smoke on the west, and the numberless elegant private residences on the north and east. Dr. Strong found the College much depleted—the number of pupils being only some thirty or forty. He applied himself with his characteristic energy and administrative skill to the work of building it up, enjoying the full confidence and hearty co-operation of the trustees (who comprise the professors in the Allegheny Theological Seminary and leading pastors and citizens.) He is justly sanguine of soon placing it in the front rank of institutions of its kind.

Dr. Strong's view on female education are broad and generous without being fanciful, and while it is not to be expected that young ladies in western New York will leave our own excellent schools to enjoy the benefits of his instruction, there can be no doubt that the Pennsylvania Female College will soon attract pupils from all parts of that State, just as the Aurora school did under his administration, from Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and even more distant States.

We cannot but congratulate the trustees and friends of the college on securing such an able and energetic President, even at a serious loss to our own corps of educators. *Auburn (N. Y.) Journal.*

Amusements this Evening.

Robert McWade commences a week's engagement at the Opera House this evening as *Rip Van Winkle*; the Frohsinn Society produces the opera of "Stradella" at Library Hall, with a chorus of sixty voices and with Mr. Beetz and Mrs. Benzwanger in the leading roles; Katie Putnam appears at the Academy of Music in "The Old Curiosity Shop," and the usual vaudeville performance will be given at Trimble's. There is surely enough variety here, in the way of amusements, from which to make a choice. On Thursday afternoon and during the balance of the week Kit Carson and troupe will occupy the Fifth Avenue Theatre, in "The Texan; or the Wild Rider of the Plains."

BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Pencilings of Passing Events.

····Councils meet this afternoon.

····Aspirants for municipal offices are almost daily increasing in number.

····The noise of the Thanksgiving turkey is beginning to be heard in the land.

····The Committee on Special Instruction of the Allegheny Board of School Controllers meets this evening.

····The mills of Spang, Chalfant & Co., and Graff, Bennett & Co., at Etna, are running full time on gas as fuel.

***Miss Lizzie Duncan was elected on Friday evening a teacher in the primary department of the Ralston School.

····Several of the candidates for city offices are Democrats. They are working hard to prevent the holding of a caucus.

····The Sunday school was started in the Exposition building yesterday. The attendance was pretty fair for the first day.

····The National Railroad Convention meets to-morrow in St. Louis. The delegates from this State and city left on Saturday.

····All passengers on the Pennsylvania Railroad must alight from the cars on the right-hand side. This is to prevent accidents.

····The conductors and drivers of the short line cars in Allegheny, presented the blacksmith of the short line stables with a gold tobacco box.

····The sub-committee on granting the Pittsburgh & Northwestern Railway the right of way through Allegheny City will meet this evening.

····T. A. Costello, who has been on the Union Depot police force for about two years, has sent in his resignation. He has been a faithful officer.

····The new schedule by which trains on the Pennsylvania railroad will be run this winter will be found in another column. It is official, and therefore correct.

····The police on Friday night frustrated an attempt to burglarize the china and furnishing store of Reppert & Williams, in the Mercantile Library building, on Penn avenue.

····Merchants who expect to do much business between now and the holidays should advertise their goods and invite customers to their stores. The GAZETTE is the best medium in the city.

····Vaccinate your children and yourselves also. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure and a big doctor bill. Smallpox is all around us, and may strike Pittsburgh at any time.

····"Midnight's holy hour" frequently finds the doors of some of our prominent business houses open. The safe will be found some morning to be nothing more than a yawning vacuum. Then will "Rome howl."

····A little girl named Magee was run over by a wagon on Penn avenue on Saturday. She was seriously, but possibly not fatally hurt. The driver of the wagon, George Kane, was arrested and will have a hearing before Alderman Barr to-day.

····Sheldon & Co., publishers, of New York, announce several new publications of holiday books in to-day's issue. This is a reliable house, and persons wanting their publications need have no fear in mailing their money.

····A number of South Side glass men are considering the propriety of sinking a gas well to see if they can obtain gas in sufficient quantity to run their manufactories. An experiment of that sort, put down to a depth of 1,600 feet, would cost about $4,000.

····On Saturday morning the Blair Iron and Steel Works, at Glenwood station, on the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railroad were sold by the Sheriff to satisfy a claim of Thos. S. Blair and wife. Struthers & Co. were the owners, and Mr. Wetmore, a son-in-law of Mr. Struthers, was the purchaser.

····James Dickson, a young man employed on the masonry of a bridge on the Federal street extension, Allegheny, had his leg badly crushed Saturday afternoon by a falling stone. It was being raised to its place on an abutment, when the hoisting apparatus slipped, letting it down. He was removed to his home on Boyle street, where he received medical attention.

····The grading of the Brownsville and Redstone Railroad from the mouth of Redstone Creek, immediately below Brownsville, to Vance's mill, three miles north of Uniontown, a distance of twelve miles up the creek, has been let. George Smith & Co., of Philadelphia, have the contract for the first six miles from the mouth of the creek, and Morrison Brothers, of Lock Haven, Pa., the balance to Vance's mill. The work on the road will commence at once.

····The alarm of fire turned in about five o'clock yesterday morning from box 67, at the corner of Penn avenue and Thirty-second street, was caused by the burning of an old frame house situated on Laurel avenue, between the Pennsylvania Railroad and Iron City Park. It was not totally destroyed, but the front and roof were burned. The loss on the building is about $250. The dwelling was not of much value. It belonged to John Hanlon, and was occupied by the families of Mr. Davis and Mrs. Powers.

····On Saturday Mayor Wigand signed the warrants in favor of George Braun and George Gillespie, to which he had heretofore refused to affix his autograph. The men had been employed as special police men at the Point under the direction of the City Property Committee, and the Mayor had declined to sanction their payment on the ground that there was no law for their employment. The reason of the recognizance in favor of his refusal to be found in the decision of the Supreme Court, which is that he must sign warrants that appear fair and honest on their face although he may even have personal knowledge of their illegality.

PERSONAL.

***Collector Davis has had his district enlarged by the addition of two counties—Washington and Greene.

***Postmaster Myler, Hon. Alfred Slack and J. K. Brown returned from Philadelphia on Saturday, where they had been attending the session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

SEASONABLE INFORMATION.

A Representative Pittsburgh House.

Just at this season of the year, when so many of our lady readers are purchasing supplies of dry goods, we feel certain they will appreciate the announcement that the well-known dry goods firm of J. H. Brown & Co., No. 56 Sixth street, are offering a splendid assortment of goods. The gentlemen composing the firm, although still young men, have had years of experience in the dry goods business in this city. In fact they have grown with the trade, and are therefore thoroughly acquainted with the wants of the public. A glance through their extensive stock will demonstrate that they have made ample provision to meet the demands made upon them, and we hazard nothing in saying that for variety and quality their stock cannot be surpassed. In the line of Dress Goods, embracing all the staple and fancy of fabrics, from the finest Silks, Cashmeres, Alpacas, etc., to the Domestic Prints, may be found. Their assortment of Cloaks, Shawls, etc., is complete, while in Sacques a great deal of work because he had to make it during the evenings at home, and could not use the city plan, but had to make it from his own notes. Witness frequently had business at the City Engineers office, and testified to its neatness and general good management.

The committee then adjourned to meet again this evening at half past six o'clock sharp.

Dr. Strong and the Pennsylvania Female College.

The friends of Rev. Dr. Strong, late pastor in Aurora, will be pleased to hear of the favorable circumstances under which he enetrs on his new career as President of the Pennsylvania Female College, at Pittsburg. The institution is located on Fifth avenue, at a sufficient distance from the smoke and dirt of the city, but within a few minutes ride of it by horse or steam cars. The spacious and handsome building stands on high ground some distance back from the street, commanding a noble view of Pittsburgh, crowned with its cloud of smoke on the west, and the numberless elegant private residences on the north and east. Dr. Strong found the College much depleted—the number of pupils being only some thirty or forty. He applied himself with his characteristic energy and administrative skill to the work of building it up, enjoying the full confidence and hearty co-operation of the trustees (who comprise the professors in the Allegheny Theological Seminary and leading pastors and citizens.) He is justly sanguine of soon placing it in the front rank of institutions of its kind.

Dr. Strong's view on female education are broad and generous without being fanciful, and while it is not to be expected that young ladies in western New York will leave our own excellent schools to enjoy the benefits of his instruction, there can be no doubt that the Pennsylvania Female College will soon attract pupils from all parts of that State, just as the Aurora school did under his administration, from Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and even more distant States.

We cannot but congratulate the trustees and friends of the college on securing such an able and energetic President, even at a serious loss to our own corps of educators. *Auburn (N. Y.) Journal.*

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THE Whisky Ring trials, at St. Louis attract large audiences, and have a strong hold on popular interest. A card published by one of the Ring, exonerates General BABCOCK and all persons in the President's household from complicity in the business. McDONALD, against whom strong evidence has been submitted, makes his defense by proving general good character.

ALONG with the reported recall of the Prince of Wales comes the rumor that his mother, Queen VICTORIA, proposes to abdicate in his favor in the event of a European war. It [illegible] English[illegible] of the crown.

[illegible] Prince is made to [illegible] ways, that he will soon [illegible] crown of England, and administer the affairs of the nation, so far as a King ever does.

IF the views of the London *Times* may be accepted as reliable,—and they are usually inspired from Government sources,—Herzegovinia is really out of the grasp of Turkey, and practically independent. There is, very evidently, a disagreeable sentiment entertained towards Turkey by the English Cabinet. Whatever her troubles, she will receive little aid from England. Two causes contribute to this unfriendly attitude,—the practical repudiation of her debt, by Turkey, and the dangerous condition of affairs in India. Just now, Russia is playing a smarter diplomatic game than any great power in Europe.

IT is very evident that a strong movement will be made to bring the Texas & Pacific Railroad to the attention of Congress next Winter. We but repeat what we have already said when we remark: 1. That this community strongly favors that enterprise. It is in the hands of Pennsylvanians, and, were it urged forward, it will give activity to our mills, and promote the revival of business. 2. It is wise, considered merely as a general policy. The business of the country still is prostrate; and the urging forward of that enterprise would do more than any other one thing to restore prosperity. Let the Government protect itself, yet aid this great work.

WE hope the report is true that the President has determined to sift the truth of the rumors that connect members of his official household with the whisky frauds. There can be no doubt of the fact that the President has been acting with entire sincerity in prosecuting those frauds, and is free from any complications whatever. If General BABCOCK or others are implicated, he is disposed to know it. The latest reports entirely free General BABCOCK from all complicity in the affair, and we feel confident the final issue will prove him innocent. But the President proceeds on the idea that those around him must be above suspicion, and in this he is right.

THE GREY NUNS.

The *Post*, a few days since, denied in the most positive manner that there was any truth in the declaration put forth by us that the Legislature of New York had specially empowered the graduates of the Grey Nun School to have certificates to teach in the Public Schools of that State, just as though they had graduated from the State Normal Schools, and challenged the proof of our assertions. We have looked the matter up, both to fortify our statements, and to inform our readers of the full scope of the facts. The Roman two daily Catholic organs in this city, the *Dispatch* and *Post*, have been free in their denials that there was anything in the 'declaration that the Democratic party and Catholic Church were joined for the destruction of our school system. The law in question passed the New York State Legislature, and received the approval of Governor TILDEN May 15, 1875, in the rush and whirl of the closing days of the session. That it had in it elements of wrong is shown by the time thus selected for its passage. Governor TILDEN, without consulting the Superintendent of Public Instruction, signed it. It is now a part of the legal code of the State, by which a certain Roman Catholic Sisterhood is constituted a State agency, with large and valuable franchises in respect to the Public Schools. We give the essential parts of the act:

CHAPTER 353. *An Act to amend* 324 *of the Laws of* 1874, *entitled "An Act to incorporate The Sisterhood of Grey Nuns in the State of New York." Passed, May* 15, 1875.

The people of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 324 of the Laws of 1871, entitled: "An Act to incorporate The Sisterhood of Grey Nuns in the State of New York," passed April 6, 1871, is hereby amended by adding thereto as follows:

SEC. 7. The said corporation is hereby authorized to grant diplomas and honorary testimonials, in such manner and under such regulations as its Board of Trustees may determine, to any person who shall have or may hereafter be graduated AT ANY SEMINARY of learning of said corporation located within this State; and ANY GRADUATE to whom a diploma may be awarded may file such diploma, or a duplicate thereof, in the Department of the Public Instruction, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction may in his discretion, issue a certificate to the effect that such graduate is A QUALIFIED TEACHER of the common schools of this State.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

Here it will be seen that this corporation is authorized to grant diplomas to whom it may choose, and upon what conditions it may please; and if it shall please to do so entirely regardless of any literary or other qualifications, there is no power to prevent it. And yet these diplomas are to be used instead of any other as a full legal certification of the holder's fitness for a "teacher of the common schools of this State." This law was prepared by somebody, and it was incorporated into the act of which it forms a part by some member of the Legislature, with a knowledge of what it was for. Assume that most of the members of the Legislature did not comprehend it, owing to the haste with which it was passed, the law also bears the signature of Gov. TILDEN, for whom the plea of haste cannot be made. Why did he sign such a law? Was it a part of the price he was to pay for favors received? or a deposit to be drawn upon in the future? The New York *Observer* says of this law:

"I weare asked why this special privilege is conferred upon the graduates of the Grey Nunneries, we have the answer ready, for it requires no great amount of astuteness to discover it. 1. These graduates could not pass an ordinary examination in the studies required to fit them for the principalship of a public school. 2. It brings all the Grey Nun schools in the State directly into conflict with the normal schools; so that, if a young woman wishes to be a teacher, she is told, You need not go to the normal school; come to us, we will give you a certificate, and you can then teach in any common school of the State; and, 3, it enables the Grey Nuns, that is, the Romish priests, to flood the country with women from the nunneries to teach the public schools, and thus to make silly girls into devotees of the Church of Rome. These are the obvious reasons why special legislation was obtained to enable the Roman Catholic Church to foist its members upon the schools of the State, when no other sects ask for such special indulgence, and no other sects could, by any possibility, obtain it, if they should ask for it".

We probably would not have been at the pains to collate these facts, but for the impudent challenge of the *Post*. But having done it, we submit that we have a stronger case than we expected to make. The law thus enacted is painfully suggestive. It shows that no laws, Constitutional provisions, or rights of others are to be respected if they stand in the way of this onslaught on our Public School system. What has been done in New York, will be done elsewhere, and everywhere, if favorable conditions shall arise. If Catholic schools in New York are made part and parcel of the Public School system, what will prevent an attempt to apply the same doctrine here? Not to elaborate, we submit we have proven our point, that there is a tacit alliance between the Democracy and Catholics, to destroy our Public School system.

THE BANKRUPT LAW.

There is a growing sentiment among the people in favor of the repeal of the existing national bankrupt act, and the remanding of all insolvent debtors to the State laws for relief. We believe the time has come when this view should be emphasized, that it may claim the attention of Congress when it meets. When corrupt and dishonest advantage is taken of a law, and it becomes perverted, so that, in place of being a benefit, it becomes an absolute injury to the business public, it is time it were removed from the statute books. This is the case with our bankrupt act. Originally wise and beneficial, it is now taken advantage of for evil ends, and its usefulness for the time being is [illegible]. It was enacted that at the [illegible] when commercial [illegible] creditor[illegible] debtors, [illegible] fabricate themselves [illegible] unfortunate business complications [illegible] on them by the decline in [illegible]. It was thought to be as carefully guarded as such a law could well be. Its design was to benefit those only who were unavoidably unfortunate, but not to help such as would seek to dishonestly take advantage of its provisions. That it was for several years a real benefit to the business public, is readily admitted; but within a few years a change has come, and the law is frequently and undeniably wrested from its real purpose and made to benefit rascals, who deliberately seek to cheat creditors of their honest dues.

Examples of the outrageous advantages taken of what was meant to be a kind, protective law, are abundant. A young man runs up debts to his tailor, dentist, and goes into bankruptcy. Dealers, who might do well by honest attention to business, and economical living, break up every year or two, and, having gone through the bankrupt court, without the slightest cessation of business, start afresh with great *eclat*. In the meantime, blooded horses, fine carriages, and a generally extravagant style of living is maintained. In other cases, they deliberately prepare for bankruptcy by converting goods into cash, and when they have realized as much as they can without suspicion being excited, fail, and take advantage of the bankrupt law, or force a compromise. In still other cases, property is settled on the wife, and cannot be reached by law. It is clearly impossible to provide against the multitudinous forms of rascality which have developed under this law. So the remedy, as we think, is simply to fully and promptly repeal the law, and remand the entire business to State laws.

A very strong reason in favor of the repeal of this law is contained in the fact that the dishonest practices under it are rapidly breaking public confidence again, and preventing the restoration of business activity. Business confidence is being utterly destroyed, and with this, business is, and must continue to be, paralyzed. It is felt that mercantile agency reports are unreliable, as the apparently strong and prosperous of to-day, suddenly become bankrupts to-morrow. Add to this that the facility with which persons can go through the bankrupt courts, tends to undermine and destroy honesty. There are many who are honest, not from fixed moral principle, but under compulsion of circumstances. The fact that credit, which rests upon, and results from the honest fulfilment of obligations, is more valuable to them than would be the repudiation of business obligations, holds them up to the right standard. But let the temptation be on the other side,—they feeling that it is of more advantage to repudiate honest debts, and there is no hesitation in acting. To all such, the bankrupt law is a medium of dishonesty. Its misfortune is, that it provides too easily for escape from honest debts. We need toning up in this particular,—or else the sense of honesty will be destroyed, and our people turned into a race of speculators, greedy of gain, and careless of honest obligations. The tendency in this direction is already so strong that it is time to check it; and we know of no better way than to unconditionally repeal the bankrupt law.

Another element of mischief and wrong connected with this law, is the facility with which bankrupts can obtain credit, after they have obtained their discharge. We have been reliably informed that certain New York houses make it a business to extend credit to bankrupts, claiming that as they are free from debt, they will pay, in order to rebuild their credit. We do not know to what extent experience justifies this view, but the fact that it is entertained shows how far the evil of our bankrupt system has extended. What should be honest, legitimate business, is turned, on all sides, into wild speculation. We have no doubt that those who trust bankrupts get extra prices for doing so; and thus for the risk taken, extra profits are charged. Thus there is a sort of collusion between the dealer and bankrupt, and business is again urged forward. We submit that all these things serve to sap and destroy the commercial morality of the country; and the time has come when a great and growing evil is to be met and rectified. It has gained such headway, however, that only the most ultra measures will avail. No modification of the law will now answer. It should be swept from the statute books, and the whole business of commercial insolvency referred to State laws, which are far more rigid than the bankrupt law.

PERSONAL.

HERBERT SPENCER is in very poor health just now.

HORACE WHITE sails from Europe homeward December 4.

THERE is a lawyer in Clinton, Ky., named Silvertooth.

GOVERNOR ALLEN, of Ohio, is suffering from chills and fever.

GEN. BANKS, in his new lecture, "The Republic; Will it Endure?" decides that it will.

THE King of Denmark, in England, went to see the Empress Eugenie, and also Irving's Hamlet.

J. R. BROWN differs from the schoolma'am in that he is a mind reader, while she makes the reader mind.

PARIS laughed for two days because Gambetta was so fat that he could not get down on his knees in church.

IT has been noticed that out of the ninety-five graduates of the class of 1875, at Yale College only three are preparing for the ministry.

CASTELAR has been interviewed in Paris. His policy he defines thus:—"In politics I have two hates—ultramontanism and the monarchy. I have also two loves—history and the republic."

PECULIARITIES of Nancy Vallentine, of Cumberland, Md., age 100 years: 1. Has never used spectacles; 2. Can thread a needle with ease and precision; 3. Does her own cooking; 4. Knits stockings for sale; and (5.) spins the wool herself.

WALT WHITMAN was the sole poet or author present at the unveiling of the monument of Edgar A. Poe. Popular, genial, jovial, his eccentricities are the very antipodes of those that characterized the poetic genius in whose honor he bobbled up from Washington.

JENNIE JUNE in the blackmailing *Graphic*, Laura Holliway in the *Eagle*, Nellie Hutchinson in the *Tribune*, Hannah Shephard in the *Mail* and *Star*, Mrs. Battey and Miss Ballard in the *Sun*, Middy Morgan in the *Times*, and Lucille Hollis in the *Telegram*, are some of the prominent lady writers of New York.

FOR Speaker, according to the latest cipherings in Washington, Randall is just a cipher ahead of Kerr, and there it stands. If Randall does not win in caucus he will not go for Kerr (is he in favor of Hendricks for President?) nor for Cox or Wood, (is he in favor of Tilden for President?) but for a "compromise" candidate. "Compromise" candidates are fattening up.

HON. VICTOR E. PIOLLET, State lecturer of the Pennsylvania Patrons of Husbandry; R. H. Thomas, State secretary; Dr. Michael Steck, and Franklin G. Johnson, one of the Centennial Commissioners from Indiana, met in Harrisburg on Tuesday, for the purpose of organizing a company which contemplates erecting buildings and establishing other conveniences for the accommodation of Grangers in attendance at the Centennial Exposition. It is hoped to sell 3,000 shares of stock at $50 each. A large number of shares have already been subscribed by the Patrons of Husbandry in this and other States.

L. D. SINE, of Cincinnati, proprietor of "Sine's lottery," has become hopelessly insane, and a guardian has been appointed to take charge of his estate, which is valued at several hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Sine is a native of Hampshire county, West Virginia, and a printer by trade. About the year 1850 he lost his eyes while attempting to clean out with powder a steam pipe in a printing office. He then engaged in the lottery business, in which he amassed a large fortune, and was doing a prosperous business until last spring, when the Postmaster General issued an order forbidding the payment to Sine of money orders from the sale of lottery tickets.

IT is a curious fact that Mr. Moody's methods are almost exactly those which Dr. John Todd pursued in the revivals which marked his ministry in every church of which he was pastor. Dr. Todd was in no sense an evangelist, but the reverse. From first to last he [illegible] pastor, and during the last third [illegible] his life he was quietly set[illegible] church in a quiet New [illegible] has preaching ha[illegible] ing many and [illegible], and his methods, [illegible] letters which make up [illegible] of the very interesting [illegible] soon to be published by Messrs. [illegible] & Brothers, are very nearly identical with those of the evangelist whose career and history are in other regards so entirely different.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

HAY-BURNING stoves are coming into use in Minnesota.

PRICE of hard wood in the Maine market, $5 per cord—of pine do., $4.

A WRITER says that herrings make as much brawn as beef does for Englishmen.

IN Texas young camels bring $450 each. After their bristles grow they bring more.

IT is estimated that there are 2,000 wolves in France, which destroy 30,000 sheep annually.

MANY southern members of Congress insist that the Clerk of the House shall have been officially identified with the late Confederacy.

FLORENCE MARYAT (Mrs. Ross Church) would have made much money by her recent reading tour in Ireland if her agent had not ran away with the proceeds.

THE old Episcopal Church in Burlington, N. J., is to be restored. It was built 170 years ago. Beneath the venerable pile repose the remains of the non-juring Bishop Talbot, the first in Episcopal orders in this country.

THE Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, in a recent decision, announced that the compensation of a trustee in this State for the sale of real estate is generally two and one-half per cent., although the rate of compensation cannot be fixed by any inflexible rule.

THE Alexandria (Va.) Committee to examine books, papers, wheel and tickets belonging to the Montpelier Humane Association, report that a most glaring fraud has been practiced on the ticket holders. The committee cannot designate the guilty parties.

A VASSAR girl wrote home:—"Dee Pawpaw, we study Latin fo' owahs a day, French seven up and science evah so long. The good matrons nevah let us go owet. Won't you send me my leggins and skates for a poo' little girl who lives in the village. Don't forget the heel straps."

A fool and a knave with different views,
For Julia's hand apply;
The knave to mend his fortune sues,
The fool to please his eye.
Ask you how Julia will behave?
Depend on't for a rule,
If she's a fool she'll wed the knave,
If she's a knave, the fool.

THE Philadelphia delegation of West Virginia capitalists and land owners informally considered, on Friday, the extension of the Washington & Ohio Railroad. Among those present were Col. John E. Wood, Hon. Alexander R. Boteler and Hon. James D. Armstrong. Col. Wood had an interview with Col. Scott.

A FARMER at Orrington, Maine, has been for some time feeding a squash, in the hope of being able to bring it to weigh 500 pounds. The feeding is done by cutting off the vine about six feet from the squash, and placing the end in a pan into which fresh milk is daily poured. By this means the vine absorbs about two quarts of milk per day, and the squash gains about a pound a day in weight.

THAT dreaded disease, the smallpox, is prevailing in Cumberland to such an extent that it has been decided to allow no public assemblies until the pestilence abates. It seems that no suitable building can be procured for a hospital, and the Cumberland *News* accordingly recommends the erection of a large number of tents, in which the afflicted ones can be cared for, and the danger of spreading the contagion lessened.

SOME wiseacre declares that the British army, now employed in India, amounts to only 24,000 men, distributed over the world in single regiments and companies, more to keep up the traditional British drum-beat than for any other purpose. Few greater mistakes were ever made. The Indian army amounts to 62,840 men of all ranks, and the total force of the United Kingdom consists of 5,385 officers, 12,016 non-commissioned officers, and 105,635 rank and file, ready for instant service.

THE *Financial Chronicle* has collected the railroad earnings in October from twelve different lines, including the two Pacific roads, and they show, for October, 1875, $4,128,000, against $4,4,018,000 in October, 1874, an increase of $110,000. Earnings for ten months, 1875, $34,714,000, against $32,956,000 in 1874, an increase of $1,756,000. We understand that the earnings of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road in October were $515,000, an increase of $48,000 over September.

THE exports from Philadelphia to foreign ports during October were raised to $2,421,075, an increase of nearly $120,000 over the exports of October last year. About three-fifths of these exports were carried out in foreign vessels. The chief customers were England, which took $900,006, Belgium $466,009, Germany $295,000, and Brazil $265,000. Two-thirds of the trade with England was carried under the American flag. The chief articles exported were $872,000 worth of petroleum, $446,000 breadstuffs, $285,000 cotton, and $538,000 provisions. It is noteworthy that no less than 4,847 tons of coal were exported from Philadelphia to foreign ports during October.

A Roman Catholic Revival.

The revival movement appears to be making its way throughout the whole country, and churches which, from their liberalism or their conservatism, were supposed to regard the movement with little favor, are joining in it. The last number of the *Catholic Register* contains a long account of "Catholic Revivals in Boston," and describes a meeting in the old Chambers Street Church, once a Unitarian and now a Roman Catholic Church. The sight from the choir, where the writer sat, was remarkable. No women, except about a dozen in the choir, were present. The meetings had been held during the whole week, and sometimes as early as five o'clock in the morning. Two thousand men and boys occupied the seats, the latter chiefly in the galleries. The "Rosary" was first said, the audience making the responses and repeating the "Pater Noster" many times over. The prayers at the altar were in English. At the close of the preliminary services, the preacher, crucifix in hand, advanced in front of the altar and spoke from the text, "Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve." After a very earnest sermon the preacher said: "Those who are ready to renounce the world, the flesh and the devil, stand up," and two thousand persons at least stood up, and in measured cadence repeated the solemn words.

Fall of a Meteor in Connecticut.

A small bowlder, bearing all the distinguishing marks of a meteoric stone, was found lying in the middle of the road in Windham county, Connecticut, last week, having doubtless fallen in the November shower of meteors. It is in the form of an oblate spheroid, the longest diameter being nine inches, the shortest six inches. About one-third of the entire mass, probably split off either by explosion in the atmosphere, or by collision with the earth, when it fell, is wanting. The weight of the part that remains is nineteen and one-half pounds. The external surface, of a dark brown color, is very much pitted with seven, with the exception of slight indentations here and there. The elementary composition is feldspar, with a small intermixture of metallic alloy, probably nickle and iron. It is, in a word, a very fine sample of those ponderous, but swift-winged visitors which occasionally descend to us upon aerial paths, but bring with them no information relative to the particular source from which they come.

A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Another Tragedy in Chester County—Some of the Incidents of the Udderzook-Goss Murder Repeated in the Same Locality.

A letter from Wilmington, Del., to the Baltimore *American* says a murder as mysterious as that of Udderzook has occurred at Mortonville, Chester county, within ten miles of the spot where Goss was buried. Thus far the mystery is more impenetrable, for no clue can be found either to the murdered man or his assassin. The time when the crime was committed is not even known, but it is supposed to have occurred about three weeks ago. On Wednesday of last week a body was found floating in the dam at Mortonville, and when hauled out was found to be in an advanced stage of decomposition, but not far enough to prevent recognition, had any one known the man in life. He was an entire stranger, and although the remains were kept till Friday, no one appeared to claim the body or identify it. The stranger was dressed in a new suit, with overcoat buttoned up to the chin. In the pocket of the overcoat was a stone weighing five or six pounds, evidently put there to sink the body. The Coroner's jury have had three sessions, but developed nothing beyond the fact that the man was murdered. There were several marks of violence on the body; the right arm was abraded from the elbow to the shoulder; on the temple there was a flesh wound, and on the side and back of the head the marks of blows from a blunt instrument, while the fatal wound seemed to have been made by a powerful thrust with a stout knife, which cut entirely through the bridge of the nose and penetrated several inches into the head. The post mortem showed that the skull, which the doctors say was the thickest they ever saw on a white man, was not broken, but indented. The knife reached the brain and produced death. There were no traces of a struggle in the neighborhood. An examination of the locality shows that the body was thrown into the dam a quarter of a mile above where it was found, and where the water is the deepest. Just here is a lonely spot on the Wilmington and Reading Railroad, where trees thickly cover a high hill overlooking the dam. On the railroad ties supposed spots of blood were discovered, and tracks leading from this spot to the water were also found, while some three weeks ago a hat was picked up here by a railroad conductor. The hat coincides with the description of that worn by one of two strangers who visited Stale's rolling mill at Laurel, a mile below Mortonville, October 26th, and Nicholas Blank, foreman in the mill, has identified the body as one of the strangers. While in the mill they did not give their names nor residences; said but little, and after looking about a while both departed. No one saw either of them after that. Where they came from is not known. A slight clue was discovered, which may lead to an identification of the body now buried at the Chester county Almshouse. On the body was found a card, which the water had defaced until illegible, but the name was deciphered as R. (Blank) Warren or Warrington. A letter has been received at Doe Run (a postoffice in this neighborhood), from Philadelphia, addressed to R. A. Warner. No such man resides there. The letter will be shown to the coroner. A circumstance thought to be suspicious is the sudden disappearance from Coatesville, five miles above, of a poster for information of a missing man from Germantown. As soon as the body was found, persons who had read the bill say the description corresponded with the stranger.

AN ODD ACCIDENT.

A Child Stumbles Into a Pit and Discovers the Remains of an Indian Warrior.

(From the Liberty (Va.) News.)

Two small children of Mr. John B. Hicks were playing on the banks of Staunton river, on the Franklin side, on Wednesday of last week, when one of them, in running about, with a cry suddenly disappeared from view. Her brother rushed to her assistance, and found her standing at a depth of eight or nine feet from the surface of the earth. The girl had broken a crust of earth, and had fallen into a sort of cave. Her brother went off to procure a stick in order to assist her out, and in the meanwhile she proceeded to look around the strange abode into which she had so unceremoniously intruded. She found herself in a chamber, some sixteen feet in length, by twelve feet in breadth and six feet in height. What was her surprise to find, by the aid of the light shining from the opening made by her descent, what appeared to be the form of a man stretched along one side of the cave. In great alarm she hastened, with the assistance of her brother, to scramble out of the hole, and the two children ran to Mr. Hicks, who was in a field near by, and told him what had happened. He went at once to the spot with the neighbor who happened to be present, and proceeded to explore the cave. Their surprise may be better imagined than described at finding lying on a raised surface at one side of the cave the mummified form of an Indian. He was fully six feet high, and was lying on his back with his arms crossed on his bosom, the remains of a coronet of feathers still encircling his head, and his face hideously painted. By his side lay a bow and arrows, several pieces of pottery and several ears of corn. The body was apparently in a perfect state of preservation, the dark red skin not at all shrivelled, and the features though pinched, as is generally the case in death, still not marred. After gazing at the dead warrior for a few moments, Mr. Hicks' companion stooped down and took hold of the body, when to his surprise, it crumbled to dust. The vases and bow and arrow were found to be sound, and were taken away by Mr. Hicks, in whose possession they are now. The two gentlemen then examined the cave, and found it to be apparently artificial, perfectly dry, with the upper side crusted or powdered with some white substance thought to be lime. Thus, by a strange chance, were exposed to view the mortal remains of an Indian warrior, who, from the manner in which he was interred, was evidently a chieftain of power and renown.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

How They Are Spread—A Remedy Proposed.

A correspondent of a New York paper says the action of the officers of the Brooklyn Board of Health in destroying the clothing they found in the course of manufacture in tenement houses where smallpox cases existed, shows that the frequent occurrence of such cases has at last forced the Board of Health to recognize the great danger that exists and how easily infectious disease can be disseminated in this community (and throughout the whole country) by means of clothing manufactured in close proximity to persons suffering from small-pox or other infectious diseases. Such danger has long been known to every member of the trade, and also to all the clothing houses of this city and New York; but has been studiously kept quiet for fear of hurting the business throughout the country. It is now a matter of years since the same epidemic broke out in the same locality, and extended throughout the whole of Brooklyn and New York. Even Murray Hill and Fifth avenue were not exempt from it; and while the doctors were giving all kinds of theories about the causes which produced such effects, there was not a tailor in the city but could have told them that it was communicated through clothing manufactured in tenement houses where the disease existed. The Health Board of New York have a duty to perform in this matter. The clothing manufactured in the infected districts of Brooklyn is sent to every part of the United States, and, should the infection spread to New York city, not even the most fashionable clothing stores can claim exemption, as their work is made up under precisely the same circumstances. The remedy for all this is very simple. There is no reason why a clothing house should not provide a workshop for the manufacture of its wares the same as a carpenter, blacksmith, cooper, cabinet maker, or printer. The profits of the clothing business are large enough in all conscience to warrant placing the health of the whole country in jeopardy.

Remarkable Surgical Case.

The Trenton (N. J.) *Gazette* says: "The Reform School at Jamesburg had a boy under its care who was suffering with a bad face. It appeared to assume the character of a malformation of bone just above the jaw and about parallel with the nose. A running sore was connected with the supposed malformation. It was just below the right eye, and very painful. Physicians have been baffled from time to time to know what to do in the matter, and to ascertain precisely the cause of his distress. Mr. Allinson took the boy to Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. Professor William H. Pancoast went to work at the root of the trouble, supposed, while he was operating, that he was cutting against bone, but he soon found that he was cutting against iron. After considerable labor a breech-pin of a musket, two and one-half inches long, and an inch wide in the thickest part, was found imbedded in the face. It was taken out like a sequence of nearly 200 students, and when the operation was successfully performed, cheers went up from the whole audience. It was then ascertained that the boy was injured about fifteen months ago by the explosion of a musket, and strange to say nobody had any knowledge that the piece of the musket-lock had been imbedded in the boy's face. The boy was kept under medical treatment, but at the last accounts he was doing well."

BEATING THE BELL PUNCH.

The Discoveries that President Richardson Made.

William Richardson, the President of the Atlantic Avenue Railroad, appeared against Amasa Armstrong, Henry Bopp and Geo. Douglass, conductors, in Judge Walsh's Court, in Brooklyn, accusing them of systematic embezzlement by means of a false bell which they rang, instead of their punch, when they received fares. He first learned of the fraud one day by hearing a strange ring from a passing car, which was not clear and musical like the ring of the patent punch bell. After prolonged detective labor the conductors were arrested, and a clever "dummy" punch was seized. This false bell was in a semi-circular brass case, full of holes. A thumb piece, like the screw of a kerosene lamp, was fastened to a spring inside the bell, and when it was punched in, the bell rang. The conductor in using it turned his back to the passenger, fixed the regular punch in position on the trip-slip, and, instead of punching a hole, rang the false bell, and pocketed the five cents. The punches were made in New York, and sold to the conductors by George Douglass, for $5 each. Six dummy punches have already been found, and it is supposed that twice as many are in use. The testimony so far proves that only about fifty cents is actually missing, and the punch register revealed this. The conductors had a signal which they passed all along the line to let each other know whether Mr. Richardson was on the route. If he was going up, the conductor who first learned it, in passing the other cars, gestured as though stroking the long white beard which Mr. Richardson wears, and pointed out the direction. This signal was soon known to every conductor. In the examination Friday, Mr. Snell complained that the conductors who were called for the prosecution refused to tell about each other. Clark King, one of his witnesses, who is a conductor, was assaulted on Thursday night and struck with a club, for no other reason than that he had been called to testify.

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, November 22, 1875.

Saturday was marked by a good current run of business at the banks, and an increased demand for loans. An improving feeling is manifest in some departments of business, and considerable depression in others. It is estimated, however, that the winter will be marked by much greater business activity than was last winter.

Above 200 new suits were begun by as many different defendants, in the Superior Court at Chicago, in connection with the affairs of those bankrupt Chicago insurance companies, viz.: the Commercial, Equitable, and the Mutual. These suits are all begun by parties who have claims against the companies for losses in the fire of October, 1871, and are brought against stockholders who are presumed not to have paid up their whole stock at first, but which stock was in many instances really paid by the accumulation of profits. The recent decision of the courts in regard to the liability of stockholders to actually pay up in full their whole stock subscribed has probably induced this wholesale raid.

The decision of the New York committee given on Wednesday in the much-talked-of lard corner was adverse to the bears, and condemns Theodore Perry to pay $5,550 on a shortage of 750 tierces; J. F. Cook & Co. to pay $8,750 on 1,250 tierces, and Stephen R. Post to pay $10,550 on 1,500 tierces. On the final hearing of the case before the Lard Committee they made every effort to show that there was a conspiracy between certain persons to create fictitious values by means of "washed" sales, but the evidence adduced by the plaintiffs showed that the "bears" had attempted to break down the market by the issuance of orders for lard that did not exist, in the hope that the price would tumble and they could step in and buy at a low figure enough to fill their contracts. Hard times in New York have obliged the Brooklyn savings banks to reduce the rate of interest on deposits from 6 per cent. to 5 per cent. At a meeting of officers of the various savings banks held last Tuesday they resolved not to pay over 5 per cent. after January 1.

The noted $5 counterfeit plate which has been used to counterfeit the $5's of the Traders National Bank of Chicago and the First National Bank of Aurora, Ill., is now being used to counterfeit the 5's of the First National Bank of Peru, Ill.

Robinson Brothers, Bankers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	114¾	5-20's 1868—coupons	122¾
U. S. 6's, 1881, coup	119¾	5-40's	115¾
" 1864	—	Currency 6's	123
" 1865	116¾	New 5 per cents	116¼
" 1867	118	10-40's coupons	117⅝
5-20's 1867	122⅝		

RAILWAYS.

N. Y. Cen	96¾	Chicago & Mississippi	19¾
Erie	16	Union Pacific	72
L. S.	93	Toledo & Wabash	29½
M. C. & Hudson	127½	Ft. Wayne	97
St. Paul	35¾	Adams Express	101¼
Do. Pref	65½	American Express	60¼
Michigan Southern	61¾	U. S. Express	49¾
Do. Central	83	Wells, Fargo & Co. Ex	81¾
North Western Com	38¾	Quicksilver	17
Do. Pref	74¾	Mariposa	8
Rock Island	104½	Hannibal & St. Jos	24¾
Cleve. & Pitts	89	Panama	128
Pacific Mail	40¾	Iron Mountain	11
Western Union Tel.	75¾		

Robinson Brothers furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board:

P. R. R. (8)	50⅝	Cen. Trans (B)	46
Reading (R)	49⅞	Nashville (A)	52⅜
U. Cos. of N. J. (B)	132¾	A. R. R. 7-30 (R)	92⅝
Oil Creek (S)	11¾	P. C. & St. L. 7's (R)	75
Lehigh Valley	62½		

NEW YORK, November 20, 1875.

Money closed at 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6@7 per cent. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $527,000. The customs receipts were $139,000. The clearings were $1,000,000. Sterling 483 1-2@487 1-2. Gold opened at 114 5-8, and closed at 114 3-4. All sales of the day were at these figures. The rates paid for carrying were 1@1 2 per cent. Loans were also made flat.

The following is the bank statement:

Loans, decrease,	. . . .	$1,204,200
Specie, decrease,	. . . .	1,302,600
Legal tenders, decrease,	. . .	967,200
Deposits, decrease,	. . . .	2,375,500
Circulation, increase,	. . . .	304,300
Reserve, increase,	. . . .	929,275

Governments closed firm. In railroad bonds there was an active business. Central Pacific sold at 106¾, Joaquin Branch to 89, and Union Pacific firsts to 103½. Hannibal & St. Joe convertible was especially active, and advanced to 83½, with the closing sales at 82⅞@83. State bonds were quiet and prices nominal.

The stock market opened in an oscillating way, became steady, and closed active and steady, with an improvement from the lowest point of the day of ½ to 1½ per cent. Hannibal & St. Joe preferred rose from 29½ to 30½, Michigan Central from 62½ to 63½, Union Pacific from 72½ to 73¼, Pacific Mail from 40 to 40¼, Hannibal & St. Joe common from 23½ to 24½, St. Paul from 35¼ to 35¾, Northwest from 38¼ to 38⅞, and Erie from 15½ to 16¼. The other changes were not important. The transactions aggregated 75,500 shares, of which 14,500 were Erie, 13,000 Lake Shore, 2,000 Northwestern, 10,000 Pacific Mail, 3,700 St. Paul common, 1,700 do preferred, 2,800 Ohios, 13,000 Western Union, and 4,000 Union Pacific.

Governments.—U. S. coupons of 1881, 123; 5-20s of '65, 116; do new, 120½; do of '67, 122½; do of '68, 122¾; new 5s, 116¼; 10-40s, 116¾; do coupons, 117¾; currency 6s, 125.

State Bonds.—Tennessee, old, 47¾; do new, 47; Virginia, new, 37; do old, 37½; Missouri 6s, 102¾.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph, 75¾; Pacific Mail, 40¾; Adams Express, 101¼; Fargo Express, 81½; American Express, 60¼; United States Express, 50; New York Central, 106¾; Erie, 16; do preferred, 25; Harlem, 132½; do preferred, 130; Michigan Central, 63¼; Union Pacific, 72¾; Lake Shore, 61½; Illinois Central, 92; Pittsburgh, 89; New Jersey Central, 104½; Rock Island, 104½; St. Paul, 35½; do preferred, 65¼; Toledo & Wabash, 29½; do preferred, 7; Fort Wayne, 97½; Northwest common, 39¼; do preferred, 52½; Terre Haute, 3; do preferred, 21⅝; Chicago & Alton, 96½; do preferred, 105; Ohio & Mississippi, 18½; Indiana Central, 44½; Burlington & Quincy, 122; Hannibal & St. Joe, 24¼; Delaware & Lackawanna, 119½; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph, 18½; Central Pacific, 106½; Union, 103½.

LONDON, November 20—5 P. M.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day amounted to £17,000. Consols: money 94 15-16; account 95; 5-20s of '65, 108½; do of '67, 106½; 10-40s, 104½; new 5s, 104½; New York Central, 94; Erie, 14¾; do preferred, 28.

PARIS, November 20.—Rentes 65f 20c.

FRANKFORT, November 20.—U. S. new 5s, 99½.

New York Hide and Leather Market.

HIDES—The market still fails to show anything of a very brilliant character. There is some demand prevailing, but without any great amount of anxiety on the part of buyers, and the general disposition seems to favor a close calculation to early and positive wants in all cases. Desirable selections of common hides are about steady, but for prime hides values are to some extent nominal. Sales to-day of only 948 dry-salted Matamoras, 300 dry Texas and 200 Sisal on private terms.

LEATHER.—Hemlock sole does not show many decidedly encouraging features, but withal the general tone is about steady and holders refuse to offer stocks with any freedom. Most manufacturers are extremely cautious and confining their invoices closely to what they know can be used to early advantage, but many of the leading dealers here report the aggregate of business through these transactions as very fair. Stocks and assortment keep up well, and with the exception of strictly desirable over weights, all ordinary selections can be made without difficulty. The foreign call continues to move about the average amount of supplies.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, November 20.—The week closes upon a quiet market. Cotton goods have been in steady but moderate request. Brown sheetings are firm, and continental C is now held by agents at 9¾c. Cotton flannels are in good demand. Bleached shirtings are dull. Plaid prints are in fairly steady request. Fancy hosiery is fairly active. Cassimeres are in moderate demand by the clothing trade.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

DAILY REPORT OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, Nov. 20, 1875.

The general position of the leading markets has not varied much recently; trade continues sluggish—more so than usual at this particular time, and while there have been no important changes in values within the past few days, the tendency, with but few exceptions, is downward.

APPLES—The receipts have fallen off somewhat, but the market is largely overstocked, and prices are weak but unchanged; sales, in a jobbing way, at $3,00a3,50 per bbl.

APPLE BUTTER—70a75c per gallon.

BEANS—Continue dull; medimus quoted at $1,50a1,55 per bushel, and navies at $1,60a1,65.

BUTTER—The market continues quiet, and excepting for strictly choice, prices are weak and droppy; prime to choice rolls, 25a28c; extra ditto, 30c.

CRANBERIES—$10a11 per bbl.

CIDER—Is quoted at 18a20c per gallon; no charge for packages.

CHEESE—Prime Ohio Factory, 13¾a14c for August, and 14a14½c for September make. New York Goshen, 15c.

EGGS—The market continues quiet and unchanged; fresh, 28a30c; pickled, 23a26c, according to brand.

FLOUR — Unchanged. Spring wheat flours, $6,50a7,25, the outside figures for choice Minnesotas; $6,25a6,75 for new red winters; $7,00a7,25 for old. Rye Flour, $5,25a5,50. Buckwheat Flour, 2½a2¾c per pound.

GROCERIES—Coffee continues dull and heavy, with the outlook unfavorable to holders. Latest Rio advices under date of 17th inst., show that the stock there has still further increased—290,000 bags—also, that prices had declined 300 reis; there is one favorable feature in this dispatch to holders, and that is the daily receipts have fallen off from 10,700 bags on the 10th to 8,700 bags on the 17th. Sugar quiet. Our New Orleans dispatch, of yesterday, reports a decline of 3c per gallon on molasses, and the same dispatch reports Sugar dull.

SUGARS.

Crushed	11¾	Standard B	10¼
Granulated	11¾	Ex C Standard	10¼
Powdered	11¾	Demarara	9¾@10¾
Standard A	10¾	Porto Rico	8¾@ 9¾
N. O. Sugar	8¾@ 9¼	Refined Yellows	8¾@ 9¾

COFFEES.

Rio Good	22 @23	Roasted loose	28¾
Rio Prime	25 @26	R. Java, Bpkge	37
Rio Fancy	26 @27	R. Java, loose	36¾
R. Rio, lb pkgs	29		

RICE.

Rangoon, per lb.....7¾@7¾ | Louisiana, per lb 7¾@8
Carolina, per lb..... 8¾

MOLASSES.

Porto Rico..... 50@55 | New Orleans... 45@70
Demarara..... 80@85 | New Crop..... 75@78

SYRUPS.

Sugar house..... 35@40 | Sugar Drips... 60@65
Maryland..... 45 | White Drips... 60@70
Silver Drips..... 60 | Extra Golden.. 70@75

GRAIN—The grain markets continue quiet and devoid of anything specially new or important; the local demand is light—confined almost entirely to supplying immediate wants, and there is not much inquiry from abroad. Wheat is quiet and unchanged; quoted at $1,25a1,30 for fair to prime new red; $1,40a1,45 for old; and $1,50a1,60 for new white. Dealers report that most of the new wheat offering is more or less damaged. The Oat market is a shade firmer, but there is no perceptible improvement in prices—Iowa and Ohio mixed, 37a38c; ditto white, 39a41c; prime western white, 42a43c—but very little of the latter offering. Shelled Corn continues quiet and unchanged; 63a 65c; free in elevator, for good mixed to prime yellow; old car Corn, 65a66c on track, and new car at 45a50c. Rye and Barley dull; prices nominal.

HAY—Is less active and weaker. Baled is quoted by the car load, on track, at $15 a14 for upland prairie, and $18a20 for timothy.

ONIONS—Dull; $1,75a2 per barrel.

PROVISIONS—Reports from the main packing centres are devoid of anything particularly important; while there has been no material change in prices for several days the tendency is downward. Packers are loth to make sales for future hogs, as it is expected they will rule considerably lower within the next 30 or 60 days.

Hams—Extra S. C. per lb	16	Lard, Prime Leaf in tierces, per lb	13¾
Shoulders	10¾	Do. in 50 lb tins	14¾
Breast Bacon, S. C.	13¾	Lard, for summer use, in tierces	—
Breakfast Bacon, sugar cured, old	15	Do. in ¼ bbls	—
Beef Tongues, S. C.	—	Do. in buckets	15¾
Pickled Pork	10	Do. 2 lb caddies	17
Bacon Shoulders	10¾	Do. 5 lb do	16¾
Do. in bbls	12	Do. 10 lb do	16¾
Short Rib do	12¾	Do. 5 lb do	17¾
Clear Sides	13	Do. 6 lb do	17¾
Sugar cured hams, per bbl	22	Mess Sausage	10
Miner's Lard Oil	—	Carbon Oil	—
Lard Oil	—	Cheese	—

POTATOES—The market is well supplied, but with an increasing demand, prices are still maintained; we continue to quote common Reds, on track, 25a27; Peerless and Early Rose, 33a37c. Peach Blows, 42a45c.

POULTRY—Live Chickens, 50a60c per pair. Dressed Chickens, 12a13c per lb.; ditto Turkeys, 15a16c.

RAGS—Good mixed, 2½a3c.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, November 20, 1875.

CATTLE.

There has been little or nothing done since the date of our last report, on Thursday; the bulk of the receipts during the time in question were through consignments, and, as a rule, there are but very few buyers after Thursday. With a light run, however, both of local and through stock, the market during the early part of the week, when the great bulk of the business is transacted, was more active than it has been for some time past, and in not a few instances a shade better prices, say 10a15c per cwt. were realized. For stockers trade appears to be falling off somewhat, as it usually does at this season of the year, but good feeders and all grades of butcher cattle sold readily, and that, too, at strong prices.

The average quality was considerably better than it has been for some weeks past, and this had its effect in stimulating trade, as the inquiry was mainly for the better grades; nearly all the regular shippers appear harder to please in point of quality, and this, with decreased offerings of this character, was not without its influence in stiffening the market.

There were sales this week at 6¼a6½ for prime to extra shipping steers; medium to good quotable at 5¾a6; stock cattle, 3¾a4¼; 70a to 900 pound feeders, 4¼a4¾, and 1,000 a1,100 feeders may be fairly quoted at 4¾a5¼—this grade and light butcher cattle command about the same rates. The offerings of Fat and Cake Cows were quite light, the most of the receipts consisting of through consignments. Messrs. Holmes, Lafferty & Co. furnish the following list of sales for the week, giving average weight, grade, nativity and price.

No.	Description.	Av. w'gt	Price.
48	good Kentucky steers	1,423	$6,35
30	medium do	1,365	5,85
35	Ky. heifrs and steers	1,220	5,70
14	Ky. rough oxen and stags	1,434	5,12
27	Ky. oxen and steers	1,320	5,62
60	Indiana common stockers	753	3,50
18	do. medium feeders	1,010	4,40
18	do. common cows and stags	799	3,60
18	Ohio graded feeders	1,091	5,12
21	do common butcher steers	981	4,70
3	Indiana bulls	1,220	3,00
18	Ohio graded steers	1,171	5,37
22	Indiana common stuff	789	3,15
1	Ky. fat cow	1,180	4,62
21	Cherokee steers	940	4,25
24	Ohio com. steers and cows	730	3,30
35	do. graded feeders	1,140	4,60
15	do. medium do	1,040	4,70
22	Indiana mixed common cows	850	3,50
36	do. medium butcher steers	1,080	4,75
18	Colorado steers	1,030	4,70
31	Ind. fat, good steers	1,350	5,87
18	do. common butcher steers	1,080	4,35
23	Ohio common stockers	790	3,50
2	Ind. rough stags	1,310	4,25

SHEEP.

The market for this class of stock was considerably better than that of last week, notwithstanding there was nothing in the character of the advices from the east to warrant it. However, notwithstanding the reports from New York were unfavorable prices were considerable inquiry for shipment to that point, and with more or less competition between New York and Philadelphia buyers, prices were advanced fully 25 cents per cwt. Sales were made at from $5,40 to $5,75, averaging 111 to 119 lbs, whereas the same grades last week would not have brought these prices by from 25 to 30 cents per cwt; buyers bought in prospect, in other words, they expected, in view of the run being light, that the eastern markets would improve during the following few days, but thus far their expectations have not been realized, so far at least as relates to New York, our dispatch from that point, under date of yesterday, showing no change for the better. Prime 100 lb sheep quotable at $5,35a5,40; good, 90a95 lbs, 5a5¼c; fair, 80a85 lbs, 4½a4¾c; 70a75 lbs, 3½a4c.

HOGS.

The run was comparatively light during the week, and, as a rule, common in point of quality; and as the offerings were not the kind suited to the wants of shippers, trade was draggy, and notwithstanding the falling off in the receipts, prices were barely maintained. To-day the pens were pretty well cleared, but the market was quiet; nearly all of our regular buyers have been ordering more or less from Chicago, and the demand here was light in consequence. Philadelphia hogs were quoted at $5,50a7,75, although 10a12½c per cwt. addition could have been obtained for strictly prime, of which there were none on sale; Yorkers quotable at $7,10a7,30. A Chicago paper, in alluding to the packing outlook, says: The market for hogs is considered to be fully 1 cent per lb gross too high to work on with safety even in filling the short sales already made, so that in buying up product they would expect to realize unless the price of the raw material should decline to that extent. But the question is, will it do so? The logs now here must be worked off, but how much more crop this consigned for sale here if the packers should refuse to buy for a day or two longer, is another matter. The fact that there was no old product on hand at the beginning of the packing season will make it necessary for many people to continue to buy for current consumption, while the confessed shortage of the hog crop this year will make consumers willing to pay higher prices than they would otherwise be willing to pay. Certainly, so long as packers can buy stuff at less money than it would cost them to make it, the temptation is strong to enter the market as purchasers, and leave to others the prosaic task of troubling themselves about the way in which the product is to be delivered.

RIVER NEWS.

State of the Rivers. Movements of Steamboats, &c.

OFFICE OF OBSERVATION, SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. ARMY.—DAILY REPORT OF THE STAGE OF WATER, WITH CHANGES IN THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT 7 P. M.

Pittsburgh, November 21, 1875.

Stations.	low water ft.	in.	Above ft.	in.	Change in 24 hours ft.	in.	State of fl.	Wind.	Weather.
Brownsville, Pa.	4		4		N		Clear.		
*Brunswick Mo.	3		−2		NE		Clear.		
Cairo					NE		Fair.		
Davenport, Iowa	4		−4		NW		Fair.		
Ft. Benton	10		7		N		Fair.		
Jefferson City, Mo	2		7		N		Clear.		
Lexington, Mo	2		9		NE		Fair.		
Memphis, Tenn	7		4		NW		Fair.		
Nashville, Tenn	1		7		NW		Fair.		
Pittsburgh, Pa	8		3		N		Clear.		
St. Louis	3		−1		N		Cloudy.		
Chattanooga	5		−2		NW		Cloudy.		
Johnsonville	7		−4		N		Cloudy.		
De Jarnette	5	1			N		Cloudy.		

*Below bench mark.

L. A. WELSH,
Sergeant, Signal Service, U. S. A.

THE stage of water last evening was 5 feet, 2 inches and falling very slowly. Cloudy and cooler, the wind having varied around to the west.

IT is rumored that Commodore Kountz contemplates contracting for a new boat.

THE Wild Duck was to have left Carondolan on Saturday with 900 tons of ore.

THE Iron Mountain will probably commence loading this week for New Orleans.

THE Emma Graham is due from Cincinnati to-morrow, and will return on Wednesday, as advertised.

CAPT. JOHN S. DEVENNY, Supervising Inspector of the Eleventh District, was in Cincinnati on Friday.

THE Fearless and barges are announced for St. Louis; she will also receipt through to all points south and west.

THE Exchange departed for Cincinnati on Saturday evening with a fair trip. Pilots—Henderson and Hamilton.

CAPT. R. C. GRAY left for St. Louis on Saturday night by rail, and Captain J. H. Dunlap took his departure for Louisville.

THE Raymond City coal mines, up Kanawha, have closed till January 1st, in consequence of a strike of the miners, who demanded 2½ cents per bushel, when they had been receiving but 2 cents.

CAPT. WM. STRONG, or the Shipper's Own, built the huge stern-wheel steamer Humboldt and the large side-wheel steamer Red Rover, before the rebellion. He is sixty one years old and has spent forty-four on the river.

THE Salt Valley, Captain Sanford, is the regular packet for Ironton to-day, leaving promptly at 3 P. M. This snug steamer, in addition to paying special attention to way business, will receipt through to Cincinnati and Louisville.

A WHARF-BOAT 300 feet long is about to be purchased and moored at the Memphis levee, by parties in that city. The wretched condition of the public landing renders such a move essential to the successful transaction of steamboat business there.

A CAIRO dispatch of Nov. 20th says:—Diver John Gwyer telegraphs that he has successfully raised the W. J. Behan at Shreveport. The John L. Rhoads has 500 tons of pig iron, shipstuff and sundries. She was compelled to lay by all of yesterday and last night, owing to fog.

THE United States Local Inspectors at Wheeling, in the collision case of the Baltic and J. H. Bigley, exonerate the officers of the Baltic from blame, and attribute this collision to the absence of information on the part of the officers of the J. H. Bigley as to the existence of the wing dam extension.

SUNDAY'S Cincinnati *Commercial* says: Ten steamers left Cincinnati Saturday for points above and below, from Pittsburgh to New Orleans. The Emma Graham returned to Pittsburgh with a fair packet trip, together with the Julia No. 2, and her brass band, for the Kanawha. There is a dangerous snag in the lower crossing on Shawnestown bar.

THE Ohio river is the greatest coal carrier in the world, notwithstanding the fact that it is frozen up part of the winter and nearly dried up part of the summer. A "run" of coal was made during the month of July last when 875,928 tons of coal were shipped in forty-eight hours. It would have loaded over 2,000 eight-wheel cars, which would have had to be made up into about 1,000 heavy freight trains.

DECREES were entered on Saturday, in the United States Circuit Court, in favor of Capt. John McMillian against quite a number of parties for improvements on steam capstan. Among others, were the following: Fred. Rhodes, David Rhodes, owners of the steamer Traveler; J. B. Williams, John Johnson, Thomas Patterson, owners of the Blue Lodge; A. J. Baker, Transit Co., Thomas Poe and Willis Stockdale, trustees; H. A. Waine, T. P. Waine, Wm. Faris and Thos. Faris, owners of the steamers Joseph Waine and Valid.

THE Cincinnati, Portsmouth, Big Sandy & Pomeroy Packet Company have contracted with Captain D. H. Morten, of the Madison Marine Railway, to build a new packet steamer for the Cincinnati and Pomeroy trade. She will be 265 feet long, 42 feet beam, 40 feet floor, 5½ feet hold, and will have a full cabin, to accommodate 130 passengers. Her wheels will be 28 feet in diameter, with 12-feet buckets. Her machinery and boilers are not yet decided on, but there will be three lap-weld-fined boilers—that is, one sheet, not riveted together. The new boat is to be ready for business next spring.

P. C. HALL, Esq., Collector of Customs at Vicksburg, sends the following notice to Captain Duff Green, Citizens' Wharfboat, Vicksburg: CUSTOM HOUSE, VICKSBURG, MISS., Collector's Office, November 17, 1875.—I have to say to you that I have been informed that the steamer Illinois, Reddick; 1 do, 6 bbls beans, Head C. & Co; 10 do flour, W. Shore & Co; 15 tubs butter, 4 cars apples, Voigt M. & Co; 10 bbls eggs, J. A. Graff & Co; 10 cases tobacco, T. J. Walters & E. Sage; 1 case shingles, Walters & E; 1 do, McQuewan & D; 1 do, Union Planing Mill Co; 1 do hay, S. B. Floyd & Co; 50 bbls linseed oil, Fahnestock White Lead Works; 9 tons 6 pigs iron, 1 car flour, P. Duff & Son; 40 do potatoes, J. A. Graff & Son; 40 bxs soap, T. C. Jenkins; 48 do cheese, J. Porterfield; 5 do butter, F. Schuchman; 41 sks rags, McCullough & S.

ALLEGHENY STATION—1 car hay, Guyer & F; 1 do flour, Hack & S; 1 do c feed, Roberts & S; 1 do heading, W. League; 1 car bran, J. C. Thompson; 1,000 coil hoops, Fgh Keg & Barrel Co; 1 car pipe, C. Brown; 1 do lime, Holmes & Co; 1 do flour, Myer & Bro; 102 hides, F. Woeful; 1 car f brick, J. Craig; 1 car lumber, B. F. Rynd; 46 boxes soap, L. O. Cowan; 1 car oats, Crawford & Co; 10 canal machines; J. Chisholm; 2 bbls cheese, I. Osech; 1 car f feed, M. B. Sayham; 1 do wheat, Gilmore & Co; 1 do lumber, Smith Bridge Co; 1 bdl leather, Gen Shaler, Johnson, C. & Co; 9 sks rye, 62 sks oats, McHenry & H; 6 bbls rye, 4 tubs butter, Wilbert & W; 5 tubs butter, 1 bbls eggs, Head, C. & Co; 18 sack rags, McCullough, Scheiber & S; 15 bbls whisky, S. Bing & Co; 1,511 bdls paper, C. P. Markle & Sons; 18 sks potatoes, J. P. & R. H. Kuox; 8 bbls molasses, Curry & M.; 1 shaker, Johnson, C. & Co; 9 sks rye, 62 sks oats, McHenry & H; 6 bbls rye, 4 tubs butter, Wilbert & W; 5 tubs butter, 1 bbls eggs, Head, C. & Co; 18 sack rags, McCullough, Scheiber & S; 15 bbls whisky, S. Bing & Co; 1,511 bdls paper, C. P. Markle & Sons; 18 sks potatoes, J. P. & R. H. Kuox; 8 bbls molasses, Curry & M.; 1 shaker, Johnson, C. & Co; 9 sks rye, 62 sks oats, McHenry & H; 6 bbls rye, 4 tubs butter, Wilbert & W; 5 tubs butter, 1 bbls eggs, Head, C. & Co; 18 sack rags, McCullough, Scheiber & S; 15 bbls whisky, J. Fuhrer, 20 cads tobacco, S. L. Picking; 1 hhd tobacco, E. & W. Jenkinson; 8 tcs bacon, 10 tcs lard, J. L. Dunseath & Co; 6 bbls molasses, R. Dickey & Co; 35 do, Dilworth Bros; 47 pigs lead, Excelsior Flint Glass Co; 13 bxs tobacco, E. Post & Co; 4 tubs butter, Voigt, M. & Co; 4 do, P. Duff & Sons; 10 pkgs tobacco, J. Wilson & Son.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.—1 car lumber, Dunbar & Co; 1 cases candy, Kramer & V; 2 sacks wines, J. W. Morrison; 25 bbls flour, Dorington Bros; 6 kegs tobacco, J. Hays, 4 bxs h ware, 5 bdls hows, S. B. & C. Hays; 22 bxs ink, J. R. Welding; 1 bale rubber, Hartley, & McK; 1 bdl hides, Fleming & P; 1 do, Dunlap & Co; 1 do, E. Thompson Steel Works; 1 do, A. L. Shafler; 1 do, G. O. Fawcett; 1 do, G. A. Mundorff; 1 do coke, Lucy Furnace; 1 do stone, J. McGraw; 1 do brick, Jones & L; 1 do ice, Chant Lake Ice Co; 1 do hay, A. J. Duff; 1 do flour, Whitmyer & Co; 1 do t oil, H. C. Vantine & Co.

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HOME NEWS.

Iron City College.

Day and Evening classes in Book keeping, Penmanship and Arithmetic, at the Iron City College, corner Penn avenue and Sixth street. Students admitted at any time.

Burglary in Allegheny.

Some time during Saturday night burglars forced an entrance into No. 23 Esplanade street, Allegheny, and stole a number of articles. Nothing of much value was taken. There is no clue to the thieves.

Slight Fire.

Last evening about five o'clock the soot in the chimney in the residence of Wm. Hazlett, on Arch street, near Benton alley, caught fire and the sparks set fire to several shingles of the roof. The Friendship Engine Company was notified and the fire was extinguished in a few minutes with a Babcock Extinguisher.

A Goat on Its Travels.

At an early hour on Saturday morning a goat climbed the stairs at the Eagle Cotton Mill, at the corner of Robinson and Sandusky streets, Allegheny, and began to butt at one of the doors. The noise awakened several of the citizens residing near there and they summoned officer Cowell, who found what was making the noise and promptly assisted the goat out upon the street.

Exposition Matters.

The directors of the Exposition on Saturday moved their office from the Exposition building to the bank block at the corner of Wood street and Sixth avenue. They have a number of applications from parties who desire to rent the Exposition building for several months for various purposes. One party wants it for a skating rink. They propose to cement the floor and a foot or two of the walls, so as to make it water tight. No action has as yet been taken on any of these applications.

Stabbing Affray.

On Saturday evening John Stevenson, who resides on the South Side, while in a state of intoxication, went to his father's residence, on Mary street, between six and seven o'clock, while the latter was at supper. A few words were exchanged between the father and son, when John drew a knife and struck at his father, wounding him slightly. John was arrested and taken before Deputy Mayor Shafer, who committed him for trial in default of $1,000 bail.

Revenue Consolidation.

In the consolidation made by the President last week of a number of the internal revenue districts of this State, Washington and Greene counties were added to the district under the supervision of Mr. T. W. Davis, and that gentleman was retained as Collector. It will add to the duties of his office and increase the receipts to over $150,000 a month. The retention of Mr. Davis as Collector of the enlarged Twenty-second District is a compliment to a faithful and efficient officer.

The Musical Event.

The Frohsinn Society celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary to-night at Library Hall, by the presentation of Flotow's beautiful Opera of Stradella. The management has labored from the first to make it a grand affair, and the indications now are that they will be entirely successful. A very distinguished tenor from the Grand Opera of Hanover, Herr Carl Beetz, has been secured to take the leading role. Judging from the sale of tickets at the office it will be a full house, and there ought to be, as this will undoubtedly be the event of the season.

Over Three Years' Imprisonment.

As will be seen by reference to the Court Record, Wm. Jenkins, convicted on Friday of murder in the second degree, (but recommended to the extreme mercy of the Court) for killing Andrew Dayus Thomas, was sentenced on Saturday to three years and four months imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary. When his case was called up for sentence, his attorneys, Messrs. Swartzwelder and Pearson, made an appeal to the Court in the prisoner's behalf, and the Court, in consideration of the recommendation to mercy, made the sentence very light.

A Pleasant Affair.

About a month ago the planing mill of Messrs. Stedeford & Eicher, of Allegheny, was destroyed by fire. The firm, assisted by their employes, at once proceeded to rebuild, and on Saturday last they celebrated the completion of the building by a banquet at the residence of Mr. Stedeford, furnished by Messrs. Stedeford & Eicher and their workmen in the success of the firm. The occasion was a very enjoyable one to all who participated in the festivities of the evening.

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REDUCING SALARIES.

The Question of Retrenchment Before a Committee of Councils

A meeting was held on Saturday afternoon, in the City Clerk's office, of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, for the purpose of increasing the motive power of the movement now on foot for a reduction in the salaries paid to employes of the municipality. The members present were Messrs. Glass, McCandless and Powers. When they got down to business it was found that but three,—and they Street Commissioners—of all the heads of the various departments of the city government, had obeyed the resolution of Councils directing them to present to the committee a detailed list of all persons employed in their departments and the salary paid to each. The next question was what course should be pursued to secure the attention of the city officers and their compliance with the order of Councils. It was finally decided to instruct City Clerk Morrow to notify each official to appear before the committee and furnish it with such information as is prescribed for in the resolution referred to. During the conversation indulged in by the members regarding this matter Mr. Glass stated that before the retrenchment movement was started the expenses of the city were $485,000 per annum, but that they had since been reduced about $100,000.

The items of expense incurred in running the departments of the Water Extension and the City Engineer were next read, but no action was taken. Street Commissioners Hunter, Lindsirman and Evans, of the First, Second and Fifth districts, were examined and the result was a statement that they can get all laborers at twelve and one-half cents a day less than present wages, with the exception of carters, pavers and scrapers, whom they can get at twenty-five cents a day less than present wages. There being nothing further for the committee to take hold of, it adjourned until Wednesday afternoon, when all heads of departments will be required to appear before it. The only officers whose salaries cannot be touched by Councils are the Mayor, Controller, Treasurer and Bond clerk. Dr. McCandless suggested the passage by Councils of an ordinance compelling tramps to work on the streets.

The New York Water Crackers

Are the best water crackers the market Ask your grocer for them.

"AULD LANG SYNE."

A Forty Year's Review—The Record of Earlier Days in Pittsburgh—A Contrast of the Old Times With the New—Reminiscences of the Last Two Score Years—The Pulpit, the Press, the Bar, the Medical Fraternity and the People of Pittsburgh Within the Last Half Century—The Growth of the City and the Changes Wrought by Time—Interesting Memories of the by-gone—A Memorial Discourse by the Rev. Richard Lea.

The memorial sermon preached in the Lawrenceville Presbyterian church by Rev. Richard Lea week Sabbath was an exceedingly interesting historical discourse concerning our city, and in response to general requests we herewith give a full abstract of it, knowing that it will interest many readers, among those who heard and those who did not hear it preached.

In commencing the Reverend gentleman said: "As I have been permitted to preach longer in one church than any other man hitherto in the two cities, you will excuse some particulars in relating the events of forty years. As I have lived in Pittsburgh fifty-five years some allusions may extend back to the year 1821." He then selected as the verses of the discourse several passages of Scripture as follows: Exodus 16, 35; Nehemiah 9, 21; Deut. 2, 7; Deut. 8, 2; Deut 29, 5; Judges 3, 11; Amos 5, 25, and said:

PITTSBURGH FORTY YEARS AGO.

"Forty years ago the "new garrison" was the centre of influence and employment in the borough of Lawrenceville. Upon its work suspended there the poor mainly moved away. When a large Government order arrived, with its specie payments, all around was life and animation. These changes of course materially affected the attendance upon our church services, for a few years, more than all other causes combined. A few scattering houses with large market gardens, pastures and brick yards brought us to Bayardstown. In wet seasons these were flooded from the hill, by the rising of the river and Two Mile run. Through mud and slush the private carriage wended its way. No public conveyance offered the poor pedestrian a passage. One morning in "the two mile lane" I counted nearly forty Baltimore freight wagons toiling through the slough, almost every other one in some instance—the "bell team," losing its bells constantly—as it was forced to claim assistance, the very worst spot of all for stalling and breakage and swearing, being a little below the forks of the road, where the quicksand appeared to have an unlimited capacity for swallowing all the stone that could be brought to its capacious maw.

"When this fearful road brought you into the city proper—near where the Third Presbyterian church is was "Arthur's pulling Mill." The pond, "Hogg's pond," ran along the base of Grant's Hill to Diamond alley—edged all around with loads of garbage and filth, a favorite skating place in winter, while the hill afforded glorious sledding for all the youths of both sexes. Down this lane called now Grant street, you travelled to the Monongahela Bridge. Above this was Scotch Hill, Sake's Run and Pipetown. Below was Wood Street, on the road boundary of the habitable part of the city, Market street, including the principal stores, the Court House in the Diamond, down Liberty and Penn streets, alternate houses and stores, and the "Penn Mill," the magazine of old "Fort Pitt," around it the "rifle-pits" thrown up by the French and British; from thence you could look across the rivers to "Smoky Island," with its one house and one fiddle, the Island and "Coal Hill," reaching to the sky, with its mysterious volcanic fire—bounding our vision—the end of the world to very many of the youth of that day—crowned for years with solitary house, which its inhabitants we alternately pitied and envied.

ALLEGHENY'S INFANT DAYS.

"Crossing the old covered Allegheny bridge, up Federal street but few scattering houses were seen until you reached "Graham Row." Some of these were, however, elegant residences, and a large cotton mill. Back of the Penitentiary was swamp to the hill. The old nunnery and the old Western Theological Seminary fairly capped upon the one in large proportions, and more elaborate finish. Forty years ago the Episcopalians had left the "Old Round Church" where Wood street enters Liberty, and built "Trinity," the "Old Stone Church" on Sixth and Smithfield, "Kerr's Church" on Sixth, "Brimstone Corner" Church on Smithfield, called so first from the lively times our Methodist brethren used to have there, also each night when the church was crowded, a rough placed a paper of brimstone on the hot stove, hastily retreating, tied the outside doors, barring egress. Soon sneezing and shouting inside told the tale, slow rises, and all voices are hushed, especially when he prays. No one ever came so near commanding the whole body as the great hearted, hospitable Francis Herron, D. D.

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The minister next referred to the late war, and the loyalty of Pittsburgh, which was so well tested in the furnishing of men and means to carry on the struggle.

"We all remember how the companies marched from the Fair grounds to this house. How our aisles resounded with martial tread. How our brave boys filled this middle block of pews. How our ladies supplied the hospital with fruit and flowers, and how, on Sabbath afternoons, we worshipped with them on the Hill. Pittsburgh was loyal to the core. Thank God these days of war are past! Our Arsenal quietly slumbers. The last of our fortifications are crumbling away. Gone! the old fort at the Point! Gone, French, English and Indian! What does the present generation know of Grant's Hill? and Braddock's Fields" and McKee's Rocks? and the war dance? We have almost ceased to turn up with the plough and spade—skulls perforated and Indian arrow heads. Gone! all gone! the old race. They were brave! loyal! true! They left us a glorious legacy. Are we preserving it unsullied?"

THE LAWRENCEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The reverend gentleman then proceeded to speak more particularly of the history of the church of which he was pastor. He preached his first sermon before the young society in 1835. Afterward the church was duly organized and Mr. Malcolm Leech and Mr. David Williams were elected ruling elders. April 20, 1836, he accepted a call to the church and was ordained June 25, 1836. His salary was then $400, and the new congregation consisted of twenty-eight members. The trustees acted as sexton in turn, and on prayer meeting night the members came with candles and occasionally raised a collection for coal, then four cents per bushel. At the close of the year the congregation lacked one of being double.

"We were always fortunate in the selecting of our Elders. *Steadfast* Leech and Williams, *impulsive* Moore, *honored* Linton, *industrious* Culbertson, the two *beloved* McCullough's. The remaining three, Messrs. Davis, Campbell and Whiteley, must do for the present without an adjective or may appropriate any one of the above. We have no *rotatory order*. Ours is a straight line of Eldership, beginning at their election, continuing for years here or elsewhere, ending in *Heaven*. Equally fortunate has the congregation been in its choice of trustees. By doing business safely and promptly, much difficulty has been avoided. These trustees have raised a small structure upon our present site; then lengthened it 22 feet; then raised the present house, Messrs. Patterson, Ewalt and Woolsleigher put in the galleries. Mr. Woolsleigher donated the bell, and Mrs. Mowry the organ and the Communion ware. The later Board painted and frescoed the house throughout, the ladies carpeting and adorning the building, while the "Lea Literary Society" have furnished one of the rooms in the basement, by lining insulating and out is comfortable, large and easy to speak in; accommodates the Sabbath schools well, while the surrounding yard, with its trees and vases and neat iron fence, speaks of pleasantness and thrift. The pastor's study and the happy medium between stinginess and extravagance. We are not burdened with useless display; we do not feel ashamed when friends and strangers claim our hospitality."

Reference is also made to the election of deacons. Those officers, he says, found that the ladies of the church attended to the poor so well that the deacons were not needed, and so gradually they dropped out. The prayer-meetings, communions, &c. had all been well attended. Every communion witnessed accessions to the church. The Sabbath school had an average of three hundred scholars during the forty years.

"From hence," said the speaker, "came our membership largely—our three candidates for the ministry to our seven ministers' wives. We had many Bible classes. We studied our lessons, and were not ashamed to be examined. Our Bible class, taught by Mrs. Mary Campbell. Quite a number of our teachers, at different times, were reported "every scholar prayed for, and converted." Our sons are:

"Like pillars round a palace set,
And daughters bright as polished stones
Give strength and beauty to the State."

REASONS FOR PROSPERITY.

The reasons for the prosperity of the congregation are enumerated by the pastor as follows:

1st. Our pleasant career, for forty years, is due under God, the source of all good, to the grace which has always existed. We never had a serious trial, never as complainants or defendants at the bar of justice. This has been accomplished by discountenancing tattling, by perfect *frankness* of speech, and by *patiently* waiting for changes. This course on these wise and discouraged hasty, passionate persons, who would leave us in the hopeless of gaining their objects. More *discipline* might have purified us, but on the whole, judging from a calm review of the past, I think the faithful exercise of the dealing on the part of the Session prevented regular litigation. Let the trumpet sound the alarm against *sin or sinners*, and no one will take umbrage. Not so with *saints*. But when the answering bugle is from a friend, I would rather pray for both combatants than engage in the strife.

"2d. Freedom from debt. The first call for settlement was for the first year. A sexton could not be *paid* for several years. Several elders and trustees acted in turn *gratis*. The first *paid* sexton was a *trustee*, the second an elder. The ladies *personally*, scrubbed the church, permitting a few males to aid in carrying water and shaking the carpets. About eleven hundred dollars for the first house, and ten thousand dollars the second. We made no display—for a long time knew nothing of fairs or other fooleries to catch the world's people. We kept on the even tenor of our way. That was sufficient to obtain our excellent Matron is a source of gratitude. The faithful discharge of her duties has secured the confidence and esteem of the managers, and her faithful efforts in behalf of the inmates often meet with warm appreciation. With special pleasure we bear testimony to the valuable services of Dr. Foster. In speaking of his efforts we are never of a pleasing character, yet this fact has not interfered with their prompt discharge. Can more be said for this conscientious physician than that he practices his profession by giving "without money and without price" to the poor, degraded and repulsive his best efforts? How many Christian friends have conducted our Sabbath service, and with what power and uncultured audience, they have proved themselves worthy followers of their blessed Master, who consented to give even the scorned and sinful woman, a drink of "living waters." The monthly contributions of household supplies and money have enabled us to maintain with every needed comfort a large family, when all classes in the community have felt the stringency of the times. We also acknowledge, with many thanks, the courtesies of railroad officials and the visiting physicians and directors of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital. To the Fair and Flower Charity we are largely indebted for vegetables, fruits and flowers. Of the many benignant influences flowing from this sweet and gracious "ministry of love," perhaps are more fraught with blessing than those which come into the Chatham Street Home. Some may ask if these flowers are not intended for the sick poor in hospitals and close apartments? Yes, but they have a place, too, where are gathered the out-cast and forsaken. We have read how a bunch of violets, dropped into the lap of an abandoned woman as she sat in utter dejection on a door step, when I left, but their politeness in c nealing the fact, almost at the same time. Swift rises, and all voices are hushed, especially when he prays. No one ever came so near commanding the whole body as the great hearted, hospitable Francis Herron, D. D.

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Dr. Black was the pastor of the Covenanter church. He was a Belfast Irishman by birth, and a very able theologian of the city. All points of doctrine were to him especially familiar. Especially did he believe in the Divine Decrees, and in the preexcellence of the Covenanters. Once in a sermon he said: "All God's elect will be saved. I hope many, outside of the Covenanters, are among the elect." But in Heaven there are 'many mansions,' and it is reasonable to suppose, that they, the old Covenanters, will occupy the chief room—the parlor of the year, one hundred and eight *proper*."

He was always ready. He left a sick bed once to fill his pulpit when perhaps he risked life. In Ireland, on a visit, he preached every day, to crowds. He was challenged by a gentleman to meet him and fought their duel he preached a scathing sermon, proving that the duelist was a *cruel* man, a *bad citizen*, a *murderer* and an arrant *coward*, so afraid of public opinion that he was even afraid to fight. He said: "Neither of these men," added he, "should ever more be honored with office. They should be branded, like Cain, upon the forehead, specially the last, who was so terrified upon his opponent with murderous intent." He was the teacher of Latin in the University; feared, for he used the red severely, yet loved by all the scholars, Judge Thompson, of Meadville, the following story every time he could address the boys of the University: "Dr. Black, when he came first from Ireland, was known as the preacher who studied medicine, but we did not know until he had also studied *boating*, and was, for his size, amazingly muscular. Three of us, Stephen Decatur, afterwards Admiral, another fellow and myself, undertook to row him in his boat from Philadelphia to Philadelphia. He bore with us until the insult was unmistakable, then raised a rattan. I caught it, expecting to be immediately assisted. He let go, and, with his long, powerful arm, steadily placed his feet upon me, and called the other two to come on. Whatever Decatur was afterwards, he was afraid then. We all three humbly apologized. He made complete peace with us, and we were good scholars ever afterwards." He used to go through the streets carelessly dressed, smoking a cigar; genial, learned, one who, like his son, Col. Black, could speak in Latin, Greek or Hebrew. In social life you would wonder how such a witty man would appear in the pulpit. In the pulpit you would wonder how such a man, learned as he was, as astent debater would appear in social life. He was most impartial as a teacher. His own sons, the rich and the poor all fared alike, were rewarded according to their deeds. Once a pet son of a rich man had complaint against one of the most friendless of the scholars. The written complaint was well worded, ample satisfaction demanded, or withdrawal of two scholars, and all influence in favor of the university. Dr. Black did not believe the charge of unprovoked assault, and privately said to the accused: "Tell me the truth. How did you lay Bob?" "We were only playing together. I was a better snowballer than he. He got very angry and called me a vile name." "What then?" "I struck him, we clinched, I threw him into the gutter, spoiled his clothes, he ran to his mother. You know the rest." "If I take your part before court I ought not to, but you will apologize?" "No, I did right." "In striking first?" "Yes, the name he called me, was an insult to my mother." "This is a bad business," said Dr. Black, "and I'll see you and the judges out; the poor boy was not called to appear His advocate was successful somehow. Talented, revered, generous-hearted, and true, was Dr. John Black.

ENCLAPAIAN.

In old times the physicians of Pittsburgh bled, blistered, and administered calomel in huge doses, for almost every ailment. The sick room was closed, darkened and made odorous. Then a drop of cold water to a poor patient would have been considered little less than murder. It is a proof of God's ability to save, that the race was not destroyed, by the indiscriminate and commanding voice, good common sense, backed by an influential congregation, and perhaps as important as any of these elements, he knew how to yield gracefully when retreat was the best policy.

He was a truly great and modest man. In one of the graduating classes, the dumbest scholar, by consummate impudence and fortunate circumstances on examination, overshadowed one who knew ten times more, and would have obtained the first honor from his bashful rival. Bruce, who could be decided, said: "Gentlemen, this will not do. Before you give this verdict ask one or two questions more." "No," said the umpire, "if you say the other is far more deserving he is so," and so voted all."

"Fifty years ago

THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY

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